



# Finding a BALANCE

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## *Bob Feld hits the top of the charts*

**B**ob Feld never had a chance. Born 45 years ago at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, just beyond the parking lot of Santa Anita Park, Feld was destined to make his way in the Thoroughbred industry. His father, a longtime handicapper who developed his own computer program for picking horses, was probably splitting time pacing the hospital hallway and running across the street to bet the nightcap at “The Great Race Place.”

Some things just work out for the best. Feld, a bloodstock agent as well as the founder of a racing partnership, gained national prominence in 2007 when *The Blood-Horse MarketWatch* announced that John and Jerry Amerman’s Amerman Racing Stable, for whom Feld buys yearlings, ranked at the top of the national listings for percentage of graded stakes winners, percentage of grade/group I winners, and Average Earnings Index for a five-year period between 1999 and 2004.

“You’re doing a great job if you pick out grade I winners 2% or 3% of the time,” said the personable Feld. “We hit with two out of the first 24—Siphonic and Balance. I’m not delusional; I may never buy another grade I winner. But we’ve bought a future book Derby favorite and a future book Oaks favorite out of a small sample. A lot of people go their whole lives without a grade I winner. I’m glad I can at least qualify to be a has-been rather than a never-was.”

Feld, the fourth of five siblings, grew up



At left, Bob Feld looks over a yearling at the Keeneland September sale; above, Feld with a client at Keeneland

in Temple City, Calif., and then Arcadia. His father would take him, and his brothers and sister, to Santa Anita for the last  
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# 2007 Leading Sires in California

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2007. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♀) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2008 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2007 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>BERTRANDO</b> (89, Skywalker), River Edge Farm	\$12,500	160/93	8/10	5/8	(Bilo, \$327,780)	<b>\$4,235,168</b>	739	44	1.52	1.71
2	<b>IN EXCESS</b> (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	N/A	143/78	8/12	2/8	(Notional, \$460,000)	<b>\$3,797,819</b>	714	52	1.96	1.53
3	<b>DEPUTY COMMANDER</b> (94, Deputy Minister), Ballena Vista Farm	\$7,500	184/84	7/8	1/7	(Reporting for Duty, \$288,810)	<b>\$3,692,200</b>	*462	21	1.34	1.77
4	<b>UNUSUAL HEAT</b> (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho	N/A	116/60	5/8	2/5	(Unusual Suspect, \$376,221)	<b>\$3,542,981</b>	300	11	2.02	1.09
5	<b>SWISS YODELER</b> (94, Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks Farm	\$10,000	198/100	3/4	2/3	(Yodelen Dan, \$146,066)	<b>\$3,403,662</b>	415	19	1.30	1.08
6	<b>SALT LAKE</b> (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	\$10,000	166/97	4/8	1/4	(Salt Track, \$131,810)	<b>\$3,082,749</b>	*1035	44	1.45	1.45
7	<b>BENCHMARK</b> (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm	\$10,000	134/66	6/9	2/6	(Idiot Proof, \$803,136)	<b>\$3,000,037</b>	361	18	1.57	1.25
8	<b>SEA OF SECRETS</b> (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,000	153/91	5/5	2/5	(Seaside Affair, \$189,186)	<b>\$2,856,859</b>	*259	12	1.07	1.12
9	<b>LORD CARSON</b> (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	145/84	5/7	2/5	(Camela Carson, \$128,720)	<b>\$2,320,053</b>	441	23	1.22	1.36
10	<b>VALID WAGER</b> (92, Valid Appeal), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	Died, 2007	156/84	2/2	1/2	(My Redeemer, \$144,688)	<b>\$2,312,921</b>	399	15	1.21	1.32
11	<b>GAME PLAN</b> (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	N/A	96/55	5/8	1/5	(Mistical Plan, \$421,569)	<b>\$2,286,938</b>	291	21	0.89	0.87
12	<b>CEE'S TIZZY</b> (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$7,500	109/58	6/6	2/6	(Tiz Elemental, \$201,800)	<b>\$2,139,241</b>	605	33	1.86	1.19
13	<b>MEMO</b> (CHI) (87, Mocito Guapo), Ridgeley Farm	\$6,000	69/39	4/5	1/4	(McCann's Mojave, \$736,600)	<b>\$2,055,430</b>	*434	22	1.58	1.17
14	<b>FORMAL GOLD</b> (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	109/60	4/5	1/4	(Transduction Gold, \$134,104)	<b>\$1,960,362</b>	300	18	1.34	1.65
15	<b>LIT DE JUSTICE</b> (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	\$5,000	95/56	1/1	0/1	(La Salle Glory, \$159,040)	<b>\$1,955,927</b>	324	14	1.40	1.23
16	<b>OLD TOPPER</b> (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	104/60	4/6	1/4	(Topper Shopper, \$129,590)	<b>\$1,937,674</b>	188	9	1.31	0.87
17	<b>TRIBAL RULE</b> (96, Storm Cat), River Edge Farm	\$5,000	52/28	5/7	0/5	(Georgie Boy, \$286,806)	<b>\$1,587,060</b>	99	8	1.54	1.17
18	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	70/36	2/2	1/2	(Dancing General, \$164,740)	<b>\$1,582,463</b>	*462	33	1.99	1.68
19	<b>BEAU GENIUS</b> (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm	\$4,000	119/63	4/6	0/4	(Ivy League Genius, \$124,622)	<b>\$1,578,939</b>	*685	36	1.27	1.22
20	<b>ROAR</b> (93, Forty Niner), Rancho San Miguel	\$7,500	95/51	2/3	0/2	(Wayzata Bay, \$130,455)	<b>\$1,564,379</b>	*576	16	1.61	1.46
21	<b>HIGH BRITE</b> (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	\$5,000	116/69	1/1	0/1	(Rocky Road, \$80,020)	<b>\$1,536,525</b>	*796	42	1.10	1.24
22	<b>STORM CREEK</b> (93, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	129/49	2/2	0/2	(Karakorum Thunder, \$79,467)	<b>\$1,375,648</b>	*473	15	1.01	1.55
23	<b>EVENT OF THE YEAR</b> (95, Seattle Slew), Magali Farms	\$4,000	75/42	1/2	0/1	(Kalookan Year, \$145,280)	<b>\$1,342,324</b>	212	4	1.17	2.21
24	<b>MONASHEE MOUNTAIN</b> (97, Danzig), Diamond F Ranch	\$5,000	107/41	1/2	0/1	(Prince of Eulleup, \$218,829)	<b>\$1,309,864</b>	*401	7	1.09	0.91
25	<b>HELSMANS</b> (92, El Gran Senor), Windfall Farms	\$4,000	97/47	1/1	0/1	(Cayambe, \$127,630)	<b>\$1,251,979</b>	240	7	1.09	1.09
26	<b>GOLDEN GEAR</b> (91, Gulch), Sue Hubbard & Associates	\$3,000	72/35	3/4	0/3	(Chase for the Gold, \$89,447)	<b>\$1,227,586</b>	251	11	1.16	1.44
27	<b>WESTERN FAME</b> (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	N/A	78/48	2/4	0/2	(Family Guy, \$79,300)	<b>\$1,119,298</b>	219	12	1.05	0.85
28	<b>COMIC STRIP</b> (95, Red Ransom), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	91/42	1/1	1/1	(Comedy Guy, \$91,715)	<b>\$1,065,044</b>	207	6	0.80	1.23
29	<b>SIBERIAN SUMMER</b> (89, Siberian Express), Windfall Farms	N/A	63/32	2/3	0/2	(Scottsbluff, \$167,382)	<b>\$1,051,325</b>	265	10	1.19	0.93
30	<b>PERFECT MANDATE</b> (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	46/27	5/8	0/5	(Tempting Date, \$128,988)	<b>\$1,046,773</b>	176	8	1.34	1.38
31	<b>SKIMMING</b> (96, Nureyev), Cardiff Stud Farm	\$7,500	54/26	3/3	0/3	(Johnny Eves, \$324,720)	<b>\$1,040,481</b>	129	4	0.97	1.25
32	<b>LIL TYLER</b> (83, Halo)	Pnsd	38/23	2/3	2/2	(Jack's Wild, \$222,105)	<b>\$997,960</b>	210	7	1.16	0.73
33	<b>BEHRENS</b> (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	82/37	0/0	0/0	(Sporty Boy, \$89,010)	<b>\$955,236</b>	155	0	0.61	1.61
34	<b>THUNDERELLO</b> (99, Montbrook), Diamond F Ranch	\$5,000	60/30	1/1	0/1	(Monterey Jazz, \$159,180)	<b>\$934,834</b>	103	1	0.91	1.16
35	<b>FREE HOUSE</b> (94, Smokester)	Died, 2007	67/37	1/1	0/1	(Freesgood, \$85,016)	<b>\$928,123</b>	180	4	1.02	1.70
36	<b>MUD ROUTE</b> (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	51/28	2/2	2/2	(Curiously Sweet, \$207,600)	<b>\$913,374</b>	182	4	0.90	1.02
37	<b>SMOKESTER</b> (88, Never Tabled)	Died, 2005	67/26	0/0	0/0	(Watch Over Me, \$137,540)	<b>\$883,826</b>	401	11	1.47	1.30
38	<b>LAKE GEORGE</b> (92, Vice Regent), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	21/13	2/4	0/2	(Greg's Gold, \$566,995)	<b>\$832,717</b>	118	5	1.06	1.08
39	<b>OLYMPIO</b> (88, Naskra), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	60/33	1/1	1/1	(Kalookan Dancer, \$228,225)	<b>\$827,184</b>	*462	30	1.19	1.18
40	<b>SILIC</b> (FR) (95, Sillery), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	58/24	1/4	0/1	(Gladiatorus, \$266,048)	<b>\$805,884</b>	*105	1	0.87	0.94
41	<b>FLAME THROWER</b> (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$5,000	45/26	0/0	0/0	(Apptoburn, \$88,410)	<b>\$805,045</b>	104	0	0.99	1.13
42	<b>BIRDONTHEWIRE</b> (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	34/16	1/2	1/1	(Executive Choice, \$195,277)	<b>\$775,860</b>	*221	8	1.25	1.49
43	<b>FLYING CONTINENTAL</b> (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	79/34	0/0	0/0	(Lupita'sluckyangel, \$68,986)	<b>\$768,359</b>	492	22	0.96	1.12
44	<b>KELLY KIP</b> (94, Kipper Kelly), Vinewood Farms	\$4,000	51/26	0/0	0/0	(Sir Silver Fox, \$60,690)	<b>\$763,998</b>	89	1	1.14	1.06
45	<b>FUTURE STORM</b> (90, Storm Cat), Meadowcreek Ranch	N/A	68/26	2/2	0/2	(Global Heat, \$98,748)	<b>\$730,927</b>	*416	12	0.98	1.43
46	<b>ATTICUS</b> (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$5,000	63/25	1/1	0/1	(Full of Run, \$128,442)	<b>\$724,054</b>	238	9	1.21	1.72
47	<b>RHYTHM</b> (87, Mr. Prospector), Diamond F Ranch	Died, 2007	53/25	1/1	0/1	(Rage Till Dawn, \$85,327)	<b>\$651,135</b>	*725	11	1.46	1.18
48	<b>BARTOK</b> (IRE) (91, Fairy King), Rancho San Miguel	N/A	68/27	0/0	0/0	(Bartok's Bling, \$112,424)	<b>\$643,988</b>	163	7	1.21	0.99
49	<b>SOFT GOLD</b> (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Harris Farms	\$1,500	43/26	3/3	1/3	(Running Free, \$107,744)	<b>\$640,763</b>	106	7	1.21	1.05
50	<b>HOLD FOR GOLD</b> (95, Red Ransom), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	32/19	1/1	0/1	(Plug Me In, \$125,908)	<b>\$620,004</b>	98	3	1.17	1.19
51	<b>SUGGEST</b> (92, Topsider), Running Luck Ranch	N/A	17/10	1/2	0/1	(Indian Chant, \$266,645)	<b>\$557,277</b>	45	3	1.28	0.84
52	<b>FRUITION</b> (93, Woodman), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,000	33/15	1/2	0/1	(Bonfante, \$220,664)	<b>\$542,904</b>	135	2	0.92	0.69
53	<b>BOLD BADGETT</b> (85, Damascus)	Died, 2002	25/10	1/2	0/1	(Wind Water, \$176,648)	<b>\$530,398</b>	256	20	1.59	0.74
54	<b>FALSTAFF</b> (81, Lyphard)	Pnsd	18/8	1/3	0/1	(Bai and Bai, \$332,770)	<b>\$513,069</b>	412	25	1.13	0.94
55	<b>MOSCOW BALLET</b> (82, Nijinsky II), Harris Farms	\$3,000	28/16	1/1	0/1	(Dancing Edie, \$168,955)	<b>\$512,957</b>	*714	20	1.23	1.34
56	<b>DIXIE DOT COM</b> (95, Dixie Brass), Willow Tree Farm	Died, 2007	43/22	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Magic, \$54,470)	<b>\$474,871</b>	94	0	0.73	1.10
57	<b>EPIC HONOR</b> (96, Honor Grades), Green Acres Farm	N/A	23/7	1/2	1/1	(Epic Power, \$261,460)	<b>\$473,251</b>	62	1	0.96	0.57
58	<b>SNOWBOUND</b> (95, Meadowlake), Burns Ranch	N/A	78/31	5/5	1/5	(Remember Boffi, \$76,213)	<b>\$457,928</b>	235	14	0.43	0.48
59	<b>GLOBALIZE</b> (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	26/14	1/1	0/1	(Eastlake Avenue, \$109,580)	<b>\$440,114</b>	53	1	0.92	0.87
60	<b>GENERAL GEM</b> (95, General Meeting), Cochema Ranch	N/A	16/7	1/1	0/1	(Udriga, \$159,260)	<b>\$439,167</b>	26	2	1.24	1.01
61	<b>LATIN AMERICAN</b> (88, Riverman), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	52/28	0/0	0/0	(Jewels of Bagdad, \$46,734)	<b>\$415,225</b>	*283	3	0.95	1.16
62	<b>COMET SHINE</b> (91, Fappiano), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	31/10	0/0	0/0	(Joy's Comet, \$143,930)	<b>\$412,460</b>	*267	3	0.75	1.02
63	<b>TURKOMAN</b> (82, Alydar), E. A. Ranches	N/A	55/22	0/0	0/0	(Turko Spirit, \$33,233)	<b>\$390,339</b>	*657	32	1.27	1.45
64	<b>IRON CAT</b> (95, Storm Cat), Eagle Oak Ranch	\$3,000	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Purrrfectly Fitting, \$92,822)	<b>\$373,275</b>	79	3	1.22	0.92
65	<b>LARRY THE LEGEND</b> (92, Local Talent), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	39/19	0/0	0/0	(Marry Me Larry, \$48,280)	<b>\$371,608</b>	144	1	0.60	1.23
66	<b>TRUCKEE</b> (92, Danzig), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	33/19	1/1	0/1	(Truckee Fad, \$36,220)	<b>\$365,022</b>	119	4	0.79	0.82
67	<b>TWIN SPIRES</b> (94, Storm Cat), Meadowcreek Ranch	N/A	45/18	0/0	0/0	(Inspired Candi, \$60,772)	<b>\$341,166</b>	160	2	0.63	0.93
68	<b>CORSLEW</b> (90, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	38/13	0/0	0/0	(Lethal Grande, \$57,447)	<b>\$324,458</b>	138	4	0.78	0.96
69	<b>MADRAAR</b> (94, Mr. Prospector), G & M Thoroughbred Farms	\$3,500	45/12	1/2	0/1	(Alba Dabas Secret, \$98,980)	<b>\$315,347</b>	124	1	0.40	0.72
70	<b>SHARP VICTOR</b> (84, Sharpen Up)	Pnsd	10/2	1/3	0/1	(Now Victory, \$236,135)	<b>\$302,473</b>	262	7	1.19	1.00

\*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.



The Amerman's Balance (blue and white silks) breaks from the gate at Keeneland in the grade I Ashland Stakes

**2007 California Sires  
By Stakes Horses**

Sire	Stks Horses	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
In Excess (IRE)	22	8	12
Deputy Commander	19	7	8
Swiss Yodeler	19	3	4
Bertrando	17	8	10
Lord Carson	12	5	7
Cee's Tizzy	11	6	6
Sea of Secrets	11	5	5
Snowbound	11	5	5
Benchmark	10	6	9
Unusual Heat	10	5	8
Tribal Rule	9	5	7
Old Topper	9	4	6
Memo (CHI)	9	4	5
Salt Lake	9	4	5
Game Plan	8	5	8
General Meeting	8	2	2
Valid Wager	8	2	2
Golden Gear	7	3	4
Perfect Mandate	6	5	8
Beau Genius	6	4	6
Formal Gold	6	4	5
Lil Tyler	6	2	3
Olympio	6	1	1
Skimming	5	3	3
High Brite	5	1	1
Flying Continental	5	0	0
Soft Gold (BRZ)	4	3	3
Western Fame	4	2	4
Roar	4	2	3
Siberian Summer	4	2	3
Future Storm	4	2	2
Bold Badgett	4	1	2
Event of the Year	4	1	2
Comic Strip	4	1	1
Helmsman	4	1	1
Lit de Justice	4	1	1
Kelly Kip	4	0	0
Mud Route	3	2	2
Storm Creek	3	2	2
Suggest	3	1	2
Atticus	3	1	1
Free House	3	1	1
General Gem	3	1	1
Globalize	3	1	1
Moscow Ballet	3	1	1
Thunderello	3	1	1
Iron Cat	3	0	0
Smokester	3	0	0
Lake George	2	2	4
T. U. Slew	2	2	2
River Flyer	2	1	3
Fruition	2	1	2
Ito the Hammer	2	1	2
Madraar	2	1	2
Decarchy	2	1	1
Monashee Mountain	2	1	1
Rhythm	2	1	1
Cactus Creole	2	0	0
Illinois Storm	2	0	0
King of the Hunt	2	0	0
Turkoman	2	0	0

**2007 California First-Crop Sires  
By Earnings**

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Decarchy	52	17	7	1	\$289,243
Stormy Jack	34	8	5	1	\$193,270
Capsized	35	13	4	0	\$125,921
Gotham City	29	9	1	0	\$111,344
Crafty C. T.	22	8	3	1	\$108,930
Lake William	36	14	4	0	\$71,446
Avanzado (ARG)	26	11	4	0	\$59,237
Freespool	34	7	1	1	\$48,777
Takin It Deep	14	7	1	0	\$45,060
Roman Dancer	17	6	1	0	\$37,826



*"I was a kid who'd never really touched a horse, so I was like a sponge when I began working around them. I loved rubbing them each day."*

BOB FELD

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race on Saturdays, when you can enter the facility free of charge.

"We'd pool our money and bet \$2 to show, and it grew from there," Feld remembered. "We truly loved it. We fell in love with the art of handicapping and started reading books and developing our own systems. It was fun."

When an uncle claimed a horse in the early '70s, Feld began going to the backstretch, watching in fascination as the horses trained and got their baths. The dream to become involved started to envelop the youngster.

Bob's oldest brother, Jude, was asked by their father to go to college and set an example for the younger ones. "He went, and told us it was a waste of time," related Bob, "and we took his word for it."

Jude didn't completely disobey his father. He earned a BA degree before taking out his trainer's license. In no time, Bob became a hotwalker and then a groom, learning from the ground up.

"The family was always more into entrepreneurship than books," he said. "We got good grades, but my folks really couldn't

afford to put us all through college, so I figured I'd just skip it.

"I was a kid who'd never really touched a horse, so I was like a sponge when I began working around them. I loved rubbing them each day. As in any family business, I was overworked, rubbing five a day for three years. It was a 24/7 job, so I thought about being a trainer, but I realized what a tough life that was as well. It consumes your life."

After marriage, Feld left the horses,

**2007 Washington Sires By Winners**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Matty G.....	131	72
Slewdledo.....	125	62
You and I.....	90	46
Cahill Road.....	84	40
Free At Last.....	84	38
He's Tops.....	64	35
Petersburg.....	58	31
Liberty Gold.....	45	27
Basket Weave.....	55	26
Katowice.....	40	25
Delineator.....	38	21
Cisco Road.....	30	21
Trail City.....	46	20
Ihtimam.....	35	20
Polish Miner.....	42	18
Top Account.....	41	17
Tribunal.....	36	17
Jazzing Around.....	23	14
Matricule.....	35	13
Swing and Miss.....	19	13
Majesterian.....	29	12
Ore Grade.....	13	12
Stolen Gold.....	22	11
Tahoe City.....	20	11
Storm Blast.....	19	10
Tough Knight.....	19	10
Desert Wine.....	21	9
Tropic Lightning.....	12	9
Personable Joe.....	24	8
Devil On Ice.....	13	8
Bombardier.....	19	7
Detox.....	18	7
Consigliere (GB).....	13	7
Beefchopper.....	16	5
Raisor's Edge.....	15	5
Son of Briartic.....	13	5
Russellthemussell.....	9	4
Cathedral Bells.....	7	4
Knight Skiing.....	5	4

**2007 Washington Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners**

Sire	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Matty G.....	75	37	10
He's Tops.....	47	21	10
Slewdledo.....	46	14	7
Liberty Gold.....	28	13	7
You and I.....	38	16	5
Katowice.....	21	6	4
Free At Last.....	31	18	4
Polish Gift.....	15	9	3
Petersburg.....	21	6	3
Cisco Road.....	13	4	3
Ihtimam.....	18	4	3
Cahill Road.....	30	13	2
Storm Blast.....	7	3	2
Makors Mark.....	18	4	2
Tribunal.....	41	15	2
Jazzing Around.....	5	2	1
Defensive Play.....	13	6	1
Compelling Sound.....	7	1	1
Delineator.....	11	5	1
Dixieland Glo.....	7	1	1
Trail City.....	12	5	1
Matricule.....	32	8	1
Vitesse.....	2	2	1
Tristaino.....	9	2	1

**2007 California Sires By Winners**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Swiss Yodeler.....	198	100
Salt Lake.....	166	97
Bertrando.....	160	93
Sea of Secrets.....	153	91
Deputy Commander.....	184	84
Valid Wager.....	156	84
Lord Carson.....	145	84
In Excess (IRE).....	143	78
High Brite.....	116	69
Benchmark.....	134	66
Beau Genius.....	119	63
Unusual Heat.....	116	60
Formal Gold.....	109	60
Old Topper.....	104	60
Cee's Tizzy.....	109	58
Lit de Justice.....	95	56
Game Plan.....	96	55
Roar.....	95	51
Storm Creek.....	129	49
Western Fame.....	78	48
Helmsman.....	97	47
Comic Strip.....	91	42
Event of the Year.....	75	42
Monashee Mountain.....	107	41
Memo (CHI).....	69	39
Behrens.....	82	37
Free House.....	67	37
General Meeting.....	70	36
Golden Gear.....	72	35
Flying Continental.....	79	34
Olympio.....	60	33
Siberian Summer.....	63	32
Snowbound.....	78	31
Thunderello.....	60	30
Latin American.....	52	28
Tribal Rule.....	52	28
Mud Route.....	51	28
Bartok (IRE).....	68	27
Perfect Mandate.....	46	27
Future Storm.....	68	26
Smokester.....	67	26
Skimming.....	54	26
Kelly Kip.....	51	26
Flame Thrower.....	45	26
Soft Gold (BRZ).....	43	26
Atticus.....	63	25
Rhythm.....	53	25
Silic (FR).....	58	24
Lil Tyler.....	38	23
Turkoman.....	55	22
Dixie Dot Com.....	43	22
Muqtarib.....	43	19
Larry the Legend.....	39	19
Truckee.....	33	19
Hold for Gold.....	32	19
Twin Spires.....	45	18
Rio Verde.....	37	18
Birdonthewire.....	34	16
Moscow Ballet.....	28	16
Fruition.....	33	15
Tychonic (GB).....	32	15
Iron Cat.....	28	14
Globalize.....	26	14
Illinois Storm.....	42	13
Corslew.....	38	13
Lake George.....	21	13

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2008 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2007 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>MATTY G</b> (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$4,500	131/72	0/0	0/0	(My Cousin Matt, \$55,800)	<b>\$1,645,975</b>	*259	9	1.08	1.09
2	<b>YOU AND I</b> (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$5,000	90/46	1/1	0/1	(Harvard Avenue, \$197,759)	<b>\$1,603,778</b>	*406	16	1.29	1.55
3	<b>CAHILL ROAD</b> (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$4,000	84/40	2/3	0/2	(The Great Face, \$292,875)	<b>\$1,122,352</b>	*477	28	1.17	1.27
4	<b>SLEWLEDO</b> (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	125/62	1/1	0/1	(Carrie's a Jewel, \$84,170)	<b>\$1,064,296</b>	645	38	0.74	0.63
5	<b>HE'S TOPS</b> (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$3,000	64/35	1/1	1/1	(Jack Hes Tops, \$76,670)	<b>\$577,592</b>	181	6	0.58	0.68
6	<b>FREE AT LAST</b> (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	84/38	4/6	0/4	(Wild Cycle, \$59,787)	<b>\$553,366</b>	346	21	0.63	0.82
7	<b>POLISH MINER</b> (97, Danzig), Allaire Farms	\$1,500	42/18	0/0	0/0	(On My Hip, \$76,463)	<b>\$547,126</b>	68	0	0.70	1.15
8	<b>PETERSBURG</b> (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	58/31	0/0	0/0	(Midwesterner, \$84,900)	<b>\$539,621</b>	293	20	0.72	0.60
9	<b>DELINEATOR</b> (91, Storm Cat), Woodstead Farm	N/A	38/21	3/3	1/3	(Chickasaw Park, \$65,672)	<b>\$520,850</b>	215	14	0.73	0.93
10	<b>TRIBUNAL</b> (97, Deputy Minister), El Dorado Farms	\$4,500	36/17	1/3	0/1	(Mulcahy, \$142,259)	<b>\$492,133</b>	70	2	0.77	0.91
11	<b>BASKET WEAVE</b> (81, Best Turn)	N/A	55/26	0/0	0/0	(Fergie's Fantasy, \$59,843)	<b>\$486,984</b>	390	20	0.60	0.63
12	<b>KATOWICE</b> (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm	\$1,250	40/25	1/2	1/1	(Catonight, \$69,873)	<b>\$466,221</b>	341	15	0.88	1.10
13	<b>TRAIL CITY</b> (93, Red Ransom), Allaire Farms	\$1,200	46/20	1/2	1/1	(Trail This, \$42,120)	<b>\$458,850</b>	102	4	0.76	1.13
14	<b>LIBERTY GOLD</b> (94, Crafty Prospector), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	45/27	1/3	0/1	(Cinderella Liberty, \$33,585)	<b>\$343,206</b>	80	2	0.43	0.75
15	<b>TOP ACCOUNT</b> (92, Private Account), Little King Ranch	N/A	41/17	0/0	0/0	(Very Very Sneaky, \$45,618)	<b>\$324,910</b>	195	2	0.73	1.28

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## 2007 Washington Sires By Stakes Horses

Sire	Stks Horses	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Cisco Road.....	7.....	5.....	5.....
Free At Last.....	6.....	4.....	6.....
Cahill Road.....	6.....	2.....	3.....
He's Tops.....	6.....	1.....	1.....
Tribunal.....	5.....	1.....	3.....
Slewleedo.....	5.....	1.....	1.....
You and I.....	5.....	1.....	1.....
Delineator.....	4.....	3.....	3.....
Matty G.....	4.....	0.....	0.....
Trail City.....	3.....	1.....	2.....
Petersburg.....	3.....	0.....	0.....

going to work for his father-in-law selling machine tools for seven years. "You think you're doing the right thing," he said, "but then you realize that life is short and you should really be doing what you love. I worked for six months at the produce market in downtown Los Angeles selling potatoes. It began at 2 a.m. and I had two young children, so I decided that wasn't for me, either."

Answering an ad for the Thoroughbred partnership group Team Valor, Feld began making cold calls from a list of old leads.

"I jumped at it," said Feld. "Barry Irwin gave me a shot, and I ended up becoming his leading salesman."

The Amermans were involved in Team

Valor partnerships at the time, and Feld eventually inherited their account. During this time he also began working for trainer Ron Ellis, overseeing his off-string at Hollywood Park. The two have remained good friends through the years. So, when John Amerman called one day saying he and Jerry were ready to go out on their own, Feld introduced them to Ellis, and soon the trainer and Feld headed to Keeneland to buy yearlings for the Amermans.

One of the first horses they bought, Drama Critic, by Theatrical, won the Elkhorn Stakes (gr. III) at Keeneland in 2000 and finished third in that year's Man o' War Stakes (gr. IT) behind Fantastic Light. He raced primarily on the East Coast and was trained by Mark Hennig. The Amermans ultimately decided to make Dave Hofmans their primary trainer, but retained Feld as their yearling buyer, and at that point, Feld went full-time into bloodstock work.

Shortly thereafter, in 2000, Feld picked out a bay son of Siphon—Cherokee Crossing, by Cherokee Colony, at the Keeneland September sale for the Amermans. Named Siphonic, he won the Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (gr. II) at Keeneland in his second start, and finished a strong third in his next race, the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I). Siphonic came right back and cruised to victory in the Hollywood Futurity (gr. I), thus establishing himself as one of the favorites for the following year's Kentucky Derby (gr. I).

"It was incredible to have one like him right off the bat," said Feld. "To break your maiden at first asking at Del Mar, I felt I'd really done my job. That took a lot of pressure off me, it being the first year I was really out doing my own thing. Then Dave Hofmans says we're going to the

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Siphonic wins the Hollywood Futurity under Jerry Bailey, becoming the future book favorite for the 2002 Kentucky Derby

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								Foals	Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>FABULOUS FROLIC</b> (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	45/15	1/1	0/1	(Collision, \$45,653)	<b>\$326,967</b>	167	2	0.48	0.96
2	<b>RENTERIA</b> (94, Incinerator)	N/A	23/13	2/2	0/2	(Burning Blur, \$45,490)	<b>\$204,946</b>	53	3	0.72	0.80
3	<b>KINGS BLOOD</b> (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Best Tribute, \$19,385)	<b>\$59,687</b>	58	1	0.34	0.56
4	<b>LYPHANESS</b> (81, Lyphard)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Thrill After Dark, \$48,280)	<b>\$52,900</b>	99	11	0.44	0.37
5	<b>SILENT GENERATION</b> (87, Stop the Music), Dent Ranch	N/A	6/2	1/2	0/1	(Silent Snow, \$29,983)	<b>\$50,054</b>	34	2	0.49	0.58

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## Special T's Stallions 2008

### FREESPOOL

Geiger Counter - Broadtail, by Olden Times  
Top-10 freshman sire of CA Breds by SPI and #11 by West Region-breds by earnings (BRIS) in 2007. First crop sire of 2YO \$55,000 SW JOE'S CANNON (3 wins/4 starts). Brilliant GSW of \$527,288. Fee: \$4,000

### MUD ROUTE

Strawberry Road - Our Suzette, by Sunny's Halo  
Sire of 2007 NTR SWs CURIOUSLY SWEET (at 3, \$207,600) and CHUZZ.  
Sire of 25% Graded Stakes Performers/Stakes Horses, incl. GSW SHORT ROUTE (\$202,035), Graded 2YO Slick Road (\$120,130) & DMR 2YO SW SENOR FANGO (\$124,022). Very Classy G2SW of \$673,040. Fee: \$2,500

### LASERSPORT

Gilded Time - Bearnly, by Forty Niner  
Undefeated 2YO, by Champion 2YO GILDED TIME, 1st two dams by Champion 2YOs FORTYNINER & APALACHEE. GSW winner of 1st three starts by 18+ lengths. 6F in 1.08%. Fee: \$2,500

### TASKMASTER

A.P. Indy - Zuri, by Danzig  
Gorgeous, well-bred son of Leading Sire A.P. INDY.  
Half-brother to G1 millionaire VODOO DANCER & a \$3.1 million yearling. 2YOs like PEACEFUL TURZIA put him on the leaders list. Fee: \$1,000

TASKMASTER  
Sire of SCRUMPY winner on Jan 4 in 1:00 1/5 and unbeaten in his last 4 starts!

### AWESOME SPIRIT

Awesome Again - Tizswest, by Cee's Tizzy  
Winning son of Breeders' Cup Classic G1 SW AWESOME AGAIN, sire of FOUR Breeders' Cup Day G1 winners. Out of a FULL sister to 2-time Breeders' Cup Classic G1 SW TIZNOW. Fee: \$2,500

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Lane's End Futurity, and he wins that, and eventually finished second for an Eclipse Award behind Johannesburg. That was an incredible run."

Following a second-place finish in the 2002 Santa Catalina Stakes (gr. II), Siphonic turned in a dull third in the San Felipe Stakes (gr. II), and missed the Triple Crown series due to injury. After his comeback race that October, a second in an allowance/optional claiming event, Siphonic collapsed and died of a heart attack at the test barn.

"He's one of the great, guarded secrets we have in life."

JOHN AMERMAN

"The first cut is the deepest," Feld said with the benefit of five years' perspective, still emotional about the loss. "They all hurt, but that one hurt the most. A Derby future book favorite, a potential stallion, our first grade I winner. It's tough. You learn to try and flatline your emotions after that. This is an emotional business, but that's why it's so great."

Not to be lost in the tragedy that beset Siphonic was the fact Feld proved he has an eye for picking out a good yearling. "I'd been around horses and looked at conformation and how they walked when I worked with them," he said. "You get to where you can spot certain things in the dark. There's a shape, the way they handle themselves, how they hold their ears, their head—you notice a difference and develop an eye for them.

"I don't pay much attention to pedigree. I know most agents do, but I'm a physical buyer. Pedigree, to me, is an afterthought. I try not to be too smart. I'd rather not know the pedigree. Sure, there's something to

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# 2007 Leading Sires in Oregon

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>BAQUERO</b> (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	43/25	3/5	2/3	(Jimbos Fire Ant, \$42,425)	<b>\$305,845</b>	144	12	0.35	0.55
2	<b>DANJUR</b> (92, Dayjur)	Died, 2003	27/20	0/0	0/0	(Alpha Danjur, \$27,325)	<b>\$208,598</b>	110	5	0.51	0.79
3	<b>SANCTUARY</b> (94, Halo), Painted Desert Farm	\$1,000	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Misty Glo, \$61,440)	<b>\$166,265</b>	45	2	0.67	0.94
4	<b>BAGSHOT</b> (94, Smokester), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$750	16/8	2/3	0/2	(Lady's Purse, \$41,073)	<b>\$158,741</b>	33	2	0.42	0.68
5	<b>ROB 'N GIN</b> (94, Farma Way)	Died, 2004	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Sunny Boy 'n Ben E, \$33,547)	<b>\$145,433</b>	32	1	1.07	0.80
6	<b>OCHOCO</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	21/12	3/5	2/3	(Ochoco Salmon, \$47,443)	<b>\$144,913</b>	39	3	0.32	0.57
7	<b>TIFFANY ICE</b> (82, Icecapade), Bar C Racing Stables	Died, 2007	17/8	1/1	0/1	(Toni the Iceman, \$34,068)	<b>\$134,393</b>	287	14	0.83	1.00
8	<b>GOLD MERIDIAN</b> (82, Seattle Slew)	Died	33/14	2/2	0/2	(Aza, \$32,828)	<b>\$134,013</b>	417	14	0.86	1.05
9	<b>CASCADIAN</b> (96, Seattle Slew), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,250	21/10	2/2	2/2	(Cascade Rain, \$28,503)	<b>\$129,572</b>	64	4	0.37	0.68
10	<b>ABSTRACT</b> (93, Danzig), Cross Country Ranch	N/A	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Red E to Go, \$19,277)	<b>\$105,324</b>	137	11	0.39	0.69
11	<b>KLINSMAN</b> (IRE) (94, Danehill), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$750	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Tillman's Image, \$18,698)	<b>\$92,687</b>	37	2	0.35	0.61
12	<b>PROSPECTED</b> (99, Mr. Prospector), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Ogieogithorpe, \$51,432)	<b>\$87,994</b>	25	0	0.44	0.81
13	<b>EX MARKS THE COP</b> (95, In Excess), Beckner Farm	N/A	26/10	0/0	0/0	(Im the Cop, \$9,358)	<b>\$69,455</b>	51	1	0.26	0.29
14	<b>MR. EASY MONEY</b> (91, Knights Choice)	Died, 2003	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Fibbin's Easy, \$12,125)	<b>\$64,134</b>	56	3	0.57	0.84
15	<b>NUCAY</b> (91, Lord At War), Silver Star Ranch	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Spider Web, \$14,465)	<b>\$43,806</b>	41	1	0.31	0.31
16	<b>MIDWAY MAGISTRATE</b> (94, Magesterial), Lazy L Ranch	\$1,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Explodin' by U, \$11,407)	<b>\$42,482</b>	26	1	0.22	0.56
17	<b>CAN'T BE SLEW</b> (89, Seattle Slew), Welliver Farm	\$750	4/2	0/0	0/0	(My Friend Dave, \$12,253)	<b>\$22,379</b>	123	7	0.36	0.37
18	<b>REALLY GOLDEN</b> (89, In Reality)	Died, 2005	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Springs Goldengirl, \$8,596)	<b>\$21,133</b>	79	2	0.16	0.26
19	<b>¶ I'MADRIFTER</b> (98, Slewleedo)	Died, 2006	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Rathsallagh Bride, \$13,600)	<b>\$20,980</b>	5	0	0.31	0.52
20	<b>STATELY WAGER</b> (88, Bet Big)	Died, 2000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Chancy Chancy, \$14,080)	<b>\$16,435</b>	17	4	0.44	0.28

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types, and maybe you've had success with a certain sire, but I try not to get too caught up in that. I want to keep a clear sense of

what I'm looking at. If I can get some pedigree, that's a bonus.  
"I work off lists, so the Amermans work on the pedigree and I look at horses they've

approved. We've only bought out of the first two books at Keeneland September."

John Amerman projected mock terror when told his bloodstock agent was the subject of this story. "This is terrible; he's one of the great, guarded secrets we have in life," said Amerman. "He's got a great eye for a horse. The first ones he picked out for us in 1995 ended up being fairly good at modest prices, and it's continued on every year since then.

*"I feel the Amermans' luck has spilled over into my life."*

BOB FELD

"Jerry and I do a lot of pre-planning before we go to the sales. We'll eliminate sires we're not interested in, then look closely at the mares before we select the hips we think are worthwhile. Then Bob comes with us to look at the sale horses. He's so good spotting things that we can eliminate what we don't want. And he's very friendly; he gets along with people who will give us tips on horses we should look at.

"So, we're able to shorten our list, vet the ones that are left, and then come back with a shorter list that gets us into the bidding process.

"Bob helps us throughout the year as

## SUANCES (GB)



**Barrett's October Yearling Sale**  
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**2008 STUD FEE: \$2,500**

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**Feld, sporting Bongo Racing Stable apparel, works his cell phone while at the sales**

well, suggesting trainers for a particular horse. We have a long track record together that we're all very proud of."

Feld's other major yearling purchase success for the Amermans was Balance, a Thunder Gulch—Vertigineux, by Kris S., filly who was recently retired for broodmare duty after an unplaced effort in the 2007 Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I) at Monmouth Park. Balance retired a millionaire, having taken three grade I events, and won stakes in each of her three seasons racing. Balance won the Las Virgenes Stakes (gr. I) and the Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I) in 2006, and came back the following year to capture the Santa Margarita Invitational Handicap (gr. I). She ended up with six victories from sixteen starts and earnings of \$1,048,491.

Feld was also involved in a private purchase that vaulted the Amermans to Breeders' Cup glory, when he helped them obtain Adoration after the Honor Grades filly broke her maiden in 2002. Adoration became a seven-time stakes winner, including her longshot victory in wire-to-wire fashion in the 2003 Breeders' Cup Distaff, giving the Amermans their first Breeders' Cup triumph.

"I feel the Amermans' luck has spilled over into my life," noted Feld. "We've been very fortunate. One of their goals when they put the stable together was to win a Breeders' Cup race, and I was glad to be part of that."

Other notable horses Feld has had a hand in either picking out or buying include champions Reraise and Action This Day, stakes winners Chattahoochee War and Runway Rosie, and stakes-placed performer Atwhatimtalkinbout. After working with the Class Racing Stable partnership, Feld started his own partnership group, Bongo Racing, in 2004. His brother Mark put up the seed money, and today Bongo includes about 40 clients and owns 15-20 horses. "We buy yearlings, 2-year-olds in training, we claim, a little bit

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# 2007 Leading Sires in Utah

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Utah (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2007. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2008 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2007 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>MI SELECTO</b> (85, Explodent)	N/A	52/18	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$40,603)	<b>\$378,262</b>	*379	7	0.84	1.05
2	<b>WILD ESCAPADE</b> (92, Wild Again), Barton Thoroughbreds	N/A	37/18	0/0	0/0	(Fast Hand, \$38,560)	<b>\$345,438</b>	138	1	0.90	0.96
3	<b>HOLY MOUNTAIN</b> (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	25/11	1/1	0/1	(Tens Holy Spirit, \$58,782)	<b>\$233,311</b>	106	2	0.60	0.97
4	<b>JOE WHO</b> (BRZ) (93, Jolly Quick)	N/A	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Joe Thats Who, \$35,517)	<b>\$118,928</b>	39	0	0.38	0.57
5	<b>EASY N DIRTY</b> (83, Debussy)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Boulder Chief, \$8,289)	<b>\$13,529</b>	24	0	0.18	0.38

\*A-E AND COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

of everything," said Feld.

Bongo's best runner to date has been Sun Boat, who won the 2007 San Diego Handicap (gr. II). Unfortunately, Sun Boat incurred a case of laminitis and had to be euthanized last September. Debi Ginsburg, named after a late journalist friend of Feld's, has been another success story for Bongo.

"Debi used to tell me all the time she wanted to write a story about naming horses," he said. "So after she passed away, we had a filly who we thought a lot of, and she needed a name, so we named her Debi Ginsburg. It's been the most incredible experience—the thoughts and emotions. I keep getting letters from people thanking me for naming the horse for Debi, and how much it's meant to her family and friends. They feel like Debi is still around through the horse. She has black type now, so hopefully that qualifies her for becoming a broodmare and perhaps having babies, so the name will go on."

Feld takes a laid-back approach toward finding new clients. "I don't go around trying to take other people's clients," he noted. "I just do my thing, and hopefully word gets around and people approach me. But it's never easy."

Kevin Plank, who owns the Under Armour clothing line, is one new client, having purchased the former Sagamore Farm in Maryland and begun a racing stable. Another high-profile owner Feld has bought horses for is television chef Bobby Flay.

So, can Feld continue his high-percent-age run of buying stakes winners? He knows it's going to be a rough road. "It's going to be hard to maintain those numbers, but I'm enjoying it while it lasts," he said. "Next June, when *MarketWatch* comes out with their numbers, I may be ranked 95th. This game's a roller-coaster ride, but hopefully we'll continue to have some more grade I winners down the road."

Feld, who is divorced, has two children. Sean, 20, attends the University of Kentucky, while Madalyn, 18, goes to Cal State Fullerton. Sean is a cinch to follow his fa-



Feld client John Amerman, right, in the paddock at Hollywood Park; in the background is trainer David Hofmans

ther into the horse business. Already, he can be found examining yearlings at the Kentucky sales, and he is an officer in Bob Feld Bloodstock, which his father started two years ago.

"I told Sean not to go crazy getting

grades in college," Bob said, "and to concentrate instead on meeting people and networking with people in the horse business. So he went out and got on the dean's list with straight As. He never takes my advice." ☐

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