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WHERE THE STALLIONS WHO STAND
STAND IN THE BREED

Results from *Saddle Horse Report's* "Breeders' REPORT"

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"Stallions" are the majestic creatures that capture the imagination of horse lovers for their masculine mystique. Whether in a line up at a world championship, being led out of a stall by a proud owner, on display at a stallion presentation as we see at many auctions these days, or looking arrogantly over their shoulders in their pasture domains—they own us as much as we own them.

But "sires" are a different commodity from stallions. Sires have a lot of mystery associated with their main function—the act of begetting. Some can be depended on to reproduce their likeness. Others are multi-taskers with high quality get in multiple disciplines. Some sire daughters who are sought after broodmares and others are "kingmakers"—sires of sires. It can take a lifetime

(or more) to figure out their mysteries.

If you are a breeder contemplating a mating, it is important to distinguish the stallion from the sire. Yes, we all have preferences and opinions, and the "gut" is only one barometer we use when it comes time to sign on the dotted line of a breeding contract. Objective information is harder to come by and that is why it is essential that our "Breeding Guide" include a well-researched sire rating.

With breeding numbers experiencing an uptick in our community and show ring classes for young stock seeing both quantity and quality in their entries, analyzing production trends has gained in meaningfulness in recent seasons. With both this sire rating and our first ever "Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame" we are attempting to provide readers with empirical data on the often



subjective topic of Morgan horse breeding.

Breeding is evolving as we leave a recession behind us and proceed confidently into the 21st century. And the ranking of sires has evolved with it, results changing even since our last report in the January/February 2018 issue.

WHY ARE WE USING SADDLE HORSE REPORT RESULTS?

Breeding is not the only thing that has evolved. So, has technology. Ten years ago, even five years ago, we would have employed someone to sit at their lonely computer and create Excel spread sheets listing the sires of world, national and regional champions, and scoring them with points to arrive at a result. It is laborious. And, despite being a Herculean effort, it has significant limitations.

The weekly industry newspaper *Saddle Horse Report* has done an important job compiling an industry wide database of horse show results, which they call the “Breeders’ REPORT.” The results are not limited to Grand National, and AMHA regionals. They include as well all USEF Class A shows and all AMHA Three-Star Rated shows. The show results of every individual horse they record accrue points to that horse’s sire—meaning their sire rating is comprehensive, to say the least.

To determine a sire’s standing in their “Breeders’ REPORT,” *Saddle Horse Report* maintains a list of show horses by that sire and their major wins (already recorded for their ancillary program the “High Point REPORT”). Number of get and number of competitions entered both contribute to a stallion’s standing—average points are multiplied by number of get to determine final standing (see table

on page 179 to fully understand this equation in action).

So, again, why are we sharing their “Breeders’ REPORT” in “Your Magazine”? Because we think it is authoritative. It is based on computer generated, empirical data. And because we and they go to different readerships, meaning here is an opportunity to learn from each other.

We thank our valued friends at Dabora Incorporated for their generosity in sharing their data.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

This sire rating is based on show ring results. Those results may or may not be a yardstick by which you, personally, as a Morgan breeder, wish to make breeding decisions. But these results, from a mighty database maintained on recognized horse shows, are perhaps the only organized listing from which we can empirically determine breeding shed prowess. (There is no database for tracking carriage driving Morgans or Morgan reiners, for instance, who compete at open, all breed events of which we are aware.)

For those who find it meaningful, does a stallion’s appearance on such a list make him an obvious choice for breeding your mare? Maybe, but so much more may go into your breeding decisions. However, the sire rating provides a resource by tracking results that would otherwise only be speculative. And it predicts trends, that otherwise might not be obvious for years to come. It is a significant tool for breeders, for those standing stallions, for fans and show ring aficionados.

We welcome it to our pages and trust it will provide one more piece of the puzzle provided by our “Breeding Guide” to help readers make informed decisions.

MEET THE TOP TEN SIRES

1. MIZRAHI

(HVK Bell Flaire x Schiaparelli
by Wham Bam Command)

Once again, this year Mizrahi leads the pack as the number one ranked sire. He is certainly the signature son of his sire, HVK Bell Flaire, just as Bell Flaire is the best known of the sons of his sire, Noble Flaire. There is a direct line of succession here. Wise breeders know to always consider the dam, though, and “Isaac” is out of a great one. Schiaparelli was herself the Park Saddle World Champion in 1998 so her son gets his trademark bouncy stride from both sides of the pedigree. Schiaparelli is, of course, one of the most lauded of the daughters of Wham Bam Command himself from the vaunted cross of Waseeka’s In Command on Trophy’s Corrigan (the same cross produced I Will Command and Ladybird Command). It is a powerhouse pedigree predicted to produce—and it has. Mizrahi was World Champion Stallion as recently as 2006. His sons Mastroianni, Dragonsmeade Icon, and Merriehill After Hours GCH have followed in his footsteps dominating that division over the course of years. His sons seem to be carrying on as significant sires themselves. But beauty is as beauty does and his get have won across the disciplines in the Morgan show ring as a look at his top ranked get for 2018 will show. Mizrahi is owned by PlayMor Farm LLC where he



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is treated as a king by Sammi and Jennifer Hazen. Top ten get earning him this distinction include Playmor's Juke Box Hero (CPS); Faragamo GCH (WP); FieldcrestCaptainEclectic (I-H); Treble's Patent Pending GCH (WP); Miyake GCH (CPS);

IndianCreek RecordBreaker CH (EP); Valley Acres Antebellum (CPD); Playmors Prinz Of Bellair (PD); MLF Miz Perfect (CPS); Indian Creek Panache (EP); TDM Excelsiora (HP); and Acorn Ridge Dutch Design CH (CPD).

2. MINION MILLENNIUM

(Minion Valentino x Pompp And Pazazz
by Serenity Masterpiece)

Minion Millennium's pedigree is from the potent cross of bringing a daughter of Serenity Masterpiece to a son of that stallion. Such is the prepotency of the line that the intense breeding has proven highly productive for both stallions and mares. It was a special occasion this year when "M&M" sired the World Champion Mare, Clayhill Wow Factor, his second as world champion—Cherrydale Casseopia is also his daughter. It is often said by his closest connections that M&M's success lies in the fact he sires quality, athleticism, and brains across the divisions. His get have succeeded in practically every discipline available in the Morgan show ring from the pleasure driving sensation Millennium Force GCH to the high stepper Manhattan Sunrise to Hunter Pleasure World Champion Bri-B Crystalpiece to carriage driving charmer MLB The Ingenue GCH and the aforementioned in-hand champions. The list goes on. In an interesting aside, Millennium's blood is believed to be a golden cross with that of the gone-too-soon sire SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH and many breeders are betting the barn on the combination. Minion Millennium is owned by Roxanne Sardelli Greenway and his breeding career has been managed throughout by the Hufferds at Triumph Stables. The versatile get who have placed him on this list include Millenniums Masterpiece GCH (misc); MLB The Ingenue GCH (Carriage); Cherrydale Ariella CH (HP); Lallapalooza CH (WP); Miles Of Fortune GCH (CPD); Paddyngtons Keepsake GCH (HP); Meadowmist Man On The Run (HP); Martha Stewart GCH (WP); Millenniums Masterpiece GCH (WP); Miss Millennium (HP); and Clayhill Wow Factor (I-H).



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3. FUTURITY FRENCH COMMAND

(Carlyle Command x Nobelle
by Noble Command)



There are intense Morgan pedigrees. Then there's Futurity French Command's. He is intensely linebred to Waseeka's Nocturne. His sire is by the Nocturne son Waseeka's In Command; his dam is a granddaughter of In Command; and his second dam is double Nocturne. It is impressive, to say the least, that he ranks so high on this list 12 years after his death. Some of this is owing to the large stash of frozen semen wisely collected by his owner Rick Lane and to the many breeders who still put their faith in a "French breeding," meaning foals continue to be registered by him every year. One reason for this is handlers love the trainability of the French stock which has proven successful across many divisions. It is interesting that his highest ranked get in the 2018 show ring have been in the Western pleasure discipline where the beauty gene has given them that "look at me" factor. Futurity French Command was owned throughout his well-managed breeding career by Rick Lane of Cabot in Maine. The get who put him on the map in 2018 include Cabot French Reflection (WP & W Dress); Hollybrook Touche (WP); CBMF Burn Notice GCH (WP); Alleswell In Monte Carlo (Carriage); CFF Personal Advantage GCH (CPS); Merriewold Diplomat GCH (W-T); Cimi's Avant Garde GCH (EP) Madeline In Paris (HP); Cabot On The Edge GCH (W-T); and Honore De Balzac GCH (EP).



4. ASTRONOMICALLEE

(Futurity French Command x Liberation Starbrite
by Wham Bam Command)

And now to the son. Astronomicallee is perhaps the signature son of Futurity French Command. And some of that is owing to the fact he is out of the incomparable Liberation Starbrite, another top producing daughter of that seminal sire Wham Bam Command. It is a thrill to visit Broadmoor and see Astro come out of his stall with his tail over his back, a trademark also of his dam. He exudes fire and presence every step he takes. Astro never had a show career owing to an accident early in his life, but his get have more than made up for that. He also is the beneficiary of clever promotional management by his lifelong owner C. A. "Tony" Lee III. He is a favorite of many breeders who use his services on a regular basis and, like others on this list, his get are successful across the board. As already mentioned, he is owned by Tony Lee and has stood throughout his career with Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles at Broadmoor. The get with the Astro factor who put their sire on this list include Locutus GCH (HP); Cedar Creek Flambeau GCH (PS); Centaurus Rising GCH (CPS); Sunny Acres Constellation (HP); Merriehill Roxie Hart GCH (HP); Ledyard Midas Touch



(EP); Ledyard Code Red (EP); Phenomenalee CH (EP); Circus Boy CH (CPS); Ledyard's Rare Soul (EP); and Cingate Lucky Star (HP).



5. ULTRAS SPECIAL AGENT

(Tug Hill Commando x Up Hyre Serene Topic
by Tedwin Topic)

Beauty and ability combine in the pedigree of Ultras Special Agent, now in his 21st year. Tug Hill Commando was known for his gorgeous head and smooth lines. The Tedwin Topic mares are noted elsewhere in this issue as curvy and feminine. Both stallions have sired valued performance horses and it is apparent from the list of Special Agent's champions he breeds true to his pedigree. That he is on this list well into his golden years is owing to the fact he has been a popular sire with his fans, of which there are many. No doubt the lasting conviction to breed to the horse relates to the ready trainability of his get, a trademark of his sire line. Steve and Annette Smith bred Special Agent (along with his full sister World Champion Mare Ultras Formal Request) and they have owned and managed him throughout his lifetime. His placement in this list of sires was assured by Ultras Now And Forever GCH (HP); Whispering In The Wind (WP); Stone Pine Dana GCH (HP); Ultras Special Diva GCH (CPS); Alphastar Carmen's Agent CH (PD); Ultras Private Eye GCH (W-T); Nanton's Revolution CH (PH); Ultras Special Delivery (PS); and BLF Mission Impossible CH (Misc).



6. SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE GCH

(Arboria Noble Victor x SpiceOLife Allura B
by Shaker's Alimon)

Welcome to the top ten list to this special horse. The Morgan breed mourned when this typey Park Harness World Champion passed away at an early age. And each year, as we see the great young ones sired by him come to the show ring, we are saddened by our loss all over again. He is a sire who begets in his own image, many of his offspring possessing his unique seahorse headset, big eye, square trotting motion, and his brilliant presence. It has to be noted that a jewel in his crown is the 2018 World Champion Stallion, Akira Derringer GCH who won the roses at the age of three. The performance ranks saw sensational wins as well, with "DW" passing on his park horse trot in abundance to youngsters. He was owned and cherished by David Walker and loved by his trainer (who also trained his sire) Diane Conrady. Stand out show ring appearances by the following get earned Present Tense his place on this list: Akira Derringer GCH (I-H); Little Black Dress (I-H & CPS); BRMF Fearless (PD); Violent Femme (HP); Arboria Arion GCH (PS); Arboria Awesome Again (PH); Miss Velvet Brown (PD); Sensationalist (PH); VDM Intense (PH); and Intense CH (PD).



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7. TOWN ASSETS

(Man About Town LPS x Honeytree's Simply Unique
by Born To Boogie)

A stallion from a family of stallions bred by a breeder of World Champion Stallions. Breeder and trainer Lynn Peeples gave the breed four world champion stallions all descending from his foundation mare MI First Love (Pot Of Gold, Man About Town LPS, Man In Motion and LPS The Boogie Man GCH). Town Assets, from this same bloodline, was the trainer's horse who was rarely shown, but that hasn't stopped him from being a powerhouse in the breeding shed. He is an outcross for many breeders bringing a rich mix of blood (his dam is the product of in hand world champions Born To Boogie and UVM Unity). His qualities have imparted symmetrical conformation, well placed necks, smooth lines, and workability. His sons, like Man In Black, are finding their own places as breeding stallions and a daughter, Merriehill Soul Sister, is dam of world champion Merriehill Maleficent CH. He is bred by, owned by, and standing at Lynn Peeples Stables. Securing his place in the sire rating are EKL Prize Contender CH (HP); EKL Assets Vision GCH (HP); Liquid Assets (PS); Cherrydale Shock The Town (CPD); Danells Lovely Assets (W-T); SDMF Town Gossip (HP); EKL Town Finals CH (HP); Wicked Awesome (CPS); Sunstone Uptown Lady (Misc); MWA The man Is In Town (PD); and FCM Prince Of Rock N Roll CH (EP).



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8. STAND AND DELIVER GCH

(Queens Vanity Flair x NBN At Your Command
by Carlyle Command)

Stand And Deliver GCH is a performance horse hero to his many fans, known for extraordinary motion that is extremely lofty (like his sire's). It won him world titles in both park harness and park saddle. Breeders always say a stallion's dam is important and his is a World Champion Mare who is by the broodmare sire Carlyle Command. NBN At Your Command is also dam of world champion Love Her Madly and second dam of world champion Get Busy, so the line is highly productive. "Stilts" is known as a kind horse and is a favorite boy to receive treats by visitors to his home at Broadmoor. His career has been boosted by breeders who count him as a staple in their programs. Tara Good of Thornwood is Stilts' breeder and owner. He was trained by and has stood at Broadmoor throughout his stellar career. Get who keep him on the sire rating include Whitemud Sky Captain (PD); SPR Wing It (HP); Stand True (CPD); Livewire CH (CPD); Indian Creek Broadway Joe GCH (W-T); Deliver The Dream (CPS); HVMF Finally Pay Day (WP); RWF On Display (EP); Willohaven Wild Child CH (WP); China Grove (CPD); and RWF Designed (EP).



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9. GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH

(Mizrahi x Pompp And Pazazz
by Serenity Masterpiece)

Popular and prepotent is a wonderful combination if you're a breeding stallion charged with the duty of being "the sire of the new generation" to quote Tony's tagline. And he brags a strong breeding pedigree on both sides of his family, being by the number one sire Mizrahi and out of the producer of sires, Pompp And Pazazz (also dam of Minion Millennium and Continental Vision). This fabulous performance horse has won English pleasure world titles from his junior career, to the open title, to amateur world champion and, most recently, three consecutive wins of the Youth English Pleasure World Championship with his adoring jockey Hannah McBain. Graycliff Tony GCH has the good fortune of belonging to Russell, Roseann, and Hannah McBain and being spoiled (he said it on Facebook) by trainer Phil Fountain at Fire Stables where he stands. Prominent get of Tony in 2018 include Newmont's Angelina (HP); EN Temptation NKS CH (WP); Ledyard All The Rage (I-H); Cingate Hot Shot (CPD); Tony Soprano (HP); Newmont's Miss Antoinette (W-T); Graycliff Ram Jam Tony (EP); Cherrydale Galileo (WP); SLLC Cover Girl CH (HP); and Indian Creek Tomahawk (PD).



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10. HVK BELL FLAIRE

(Noble Flaire x HVK Belleek
by HVK Hotspur)

Born in 1990, Bell Flaire is the senior statesman of Morgan breeding stallions and a fixture on the sire rating. His contribution to modern show ring breeding has been nearly incomparable, rivaled perhaps only by his son, number one rated Mizrahi. After the death of his longtime owners Arthur and Barbara Jones, Bell Flaire was inherited by their niece Marsha Garone, initiating a second career as a breeding stallion. This was welcome by breeders who covet his blood. There is no question he is the prominent sire among the Noble Flaire sons, though he has carved out a niche independent of his famous sire. While his get have shown in several divisions, he has been a high percentage progenitor of park and English pleasure horses and the record setting road mare Flairetation is sired by him. His daughters, like Kim's Bellegante, HVK Obsidian, and Cedar Creek With Bells On, have been noteworthy producers carrying his legacy forward for generations to come. He lives with his owner Marsha Garone at Fairfield South. His get qualifying him for inclusion in this list include Arcola's Last Harmony (WP); Cedar Creek Zephyr (Carriage); Gradell Ring My Bell GCH (W-T); Bellissimo GCH (CPS); Bellerophon GCH (PD); Flairetation (Roadster); Cedar Creek Dubonnet (EP); BRMF Debonair Flaire (PD) Goldencrest Northernlight (EP); Cedar Creek Cariad GCH (CPS); and VVM Just The Ticket (CPD).



Placing 11th through 15th on this sire rating are the stallions DBA Street Talk, GLB Bell Pepper, Hollybrook Stage Rage, ZZ Top, and Simply Maserati. More data appears on the tables which follow.

SIRE RATING RESULTS AT A GLANCE OVERALL STANDING

*Points: The total number of points earned by all individual get relative to the category.

*Classes: The number of overall classes that make up the point total.



*APG: The average number of points for each get making up the sires point total.

SIRE	POINTS	# CLASSES	APG	GET
1. MIZRAHI	6,235	455	91.7	68
2. MINION MILLENNIUM	4,473	354	91.3	49
3. FUTURITY FRENCH COMMAND	4,364	355	87.3	50
4. ASTRONOMICALLEE	3,895	319	88.5	44
5. ULTRAS SPECIAL AGENT	3,613	352	84.0	43
6. SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE GCH	2,794	176	93.1	30
7. TOWN ASSETS	2,638	219	82.4	32
8. STAND AND DELIVER GCH	2,625	195	87.5	30
9. GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH	2,489	184	73.2	34
10. HVK BELL FLAIRE	2,331	183	75.2	31



SIRE RATING RESULTS AT A GLANCE

TOP THREE OVERALL OFFSPRING OF THE TOP TEN SIRES WITH POINT TOTALS

SIRE	GET	DIVISION	POINTS	
1. Mizrahi		1. PLAYMORS JUKE BOX HERO	Classic Pleasure Saddle	159
		2. Faragamo GCH	Western Pleasure Amateur	145
		3. FieldcrestCaptainEclectic	In-Hand Stallion	141
2. Minion Millennium		1. MILLENNIUMS MASTERPIECE GCH	Miscellaneous Morgan	238
		1. MLB THE INGENUE GCH	Carriage	238
		3. Cherrydale Ariella CH	Hunter Pleasure Amateur	190
3. Futurity French Command		1. CABOT FRENCH REFLECTION	Western Pleasure Amateur	249
		2. Cabot French Reflection	Miscellaneous Morgan	171
		3. Hollybrook Touche	Western Pleasure Amateur	168
4. Astronomicallee		1. LOCUTUS GCH	Hunter Pleasure Amateur	187
		2. Cedar Creek Flambeau GCH	Park Saddle Open	124
		3. Centaurus Rising GCH	Classic Pleasure Saddle	119
5. Ultras Special Agent		1. ULTRAS NOW AND FOREVER GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	147
		2. Whispering In The Wind	Western Pleasure Amateur	145
		3. Stone Pine Dana GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	133
6. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH		1. AKIRA DERRINGER GCH	In-Hand Stallion	168
		2. Little Black Dress GCH	Classic Pleasure Saddle	157
		3. Violent Femme	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	155
7. Town Assets		1. EKL PRIZE CONTENDER CH	Hunter Pleasure Amateur	198
		2. EKL Assets Vision GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	173
		3. Liquid Assets	Park Saddle Junior Horse	158
8. Stand And Deliver GCH		1. WHITEMUD SKY CAPTAIN GCH	Pleasure Driving Amateur	152
		2. SPR Wing It	Hunter Pleasure Open	127
		3. Stand True	Classic Pleasure Driving	114
9. Graycliff Tony GCH		1. NEWMONTS ANGELINA	Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse	180
		2. EN Temptation NKS CH	Western Pleasure Amateur	131
		3. Ledyard All The Rage	In-Hand Mare	103
10. HVK Bell Flaire		1. ARCOLA'S LAST HARMONY	Western Pleasure Amateur	249
		2. Cedar Creek Zephyr	Carriage	123
		3. Gradell Ring My Bell GCH	Walk-Trot Pleasure	117



SIRE RATING RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OVERALL DIVISIONAL SIRE STANDINGS: TOP THREE WITH POINT & GET TOTALS

DIVISION	SIRE	POINTS	GET
CLASSIC PLEASURE	1. Mizrahi	1,028	12
	2. Futurity French Command	835	16
	3. DBA Street Talk	728	8
ENGLISH PLEASURE	1. Mizrahi	1,682	24
	2. Astronomicallee	842	14
	3. Minion Millennium	556	7
HUNTER PLEASURE	1. Minion Millennium	1,159	15
	2. Ultras Special Agent	1,046	18
	3. Town Assets	1,015	11
IN-HAND	1. Mizrahi	654	12
	2. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	546	9
	3. Man In Black GCH	444	7
PARK HARNESS	1. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	584	9
	2. SLB Da Vinci	286	4
	3. Mizrahi	223	3
PARK SADDLE	1. And The Beat Goes On	350	3
	2. Mizrahi	329	6
	3. Ultras Special Agent	296	4
PLEASURE DRIVING	1. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	520	10
	2. Mizrahi	496	10
	3. Astronomicallee	472	11
WESTERN PLEASURE	1. Futurity French Command	1,197	10
	2. Minion Millennium	982	9
	3. Mizrahi	765	9
MISCELLANEOUS MORGAN	1. War And Peace	1,039	6
	2. Triple S Dark Eagle	750	4
	3. GLB Bell Pepper	706	6
CARRIAGE	1. Ulenfield Elation	424	3
	2. Crown Superlative	338	2
	3. On Line	276	2

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