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THE 2019 MORGAN SIRE RATING

Text by Stephen Kinney • Results from *Saddle Horse Report's* "Breeders' REPORT"

A rating of sires is a longstanding, tried and true method of putting our collective finger on the pulse of Morgan breeding activity. *The Morgan Horse* has revived publication of the rating in recent years, having given it a hiatus during the downturn in breeding activity that took place after the 2008 recession.

It is obvious these recent years that the stallions in the top ten of the listing remain fairly constant, though there are minor shifts in position. There is math involved in this. When examining the tables accompanying the rating you will also notice that top stallions tend to have higher numbers of get representing them. It follows that top ratings add to popularity which contribute to the numbers. So, constancy is somewhat predictable in the short term. Newcomers will be a longer term matter.

In the age of the electronic database, however, the sire rating does something not available to breeders in earlier generations. It quantifies today what could only have been anecdotal information decades ago. We don't have to hear from a neighbor that a distant stallion is begetting impressive results. Today's objective information can be one aid in decision making for mare owners.

Some things to know about the sire rating:

- We use—and are thankful for—data compiled by *Saddle Horse Report*. Our friends at Dabora provide an important service by 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 Star Rated shows. The show results of each individual horse accrue points to that horse's sire—meaning the "Breeders' REPORT" is comprehensive, to say the least. We are grateful for the opportunity to share results from such a definitive database.
- This is a ranking based on horse show results, thus it applies to the sires who influence that field of competition. We do not know of accessible databases from other venues in which Morgans may compete—open carriage driving, for instance.
- A few rankings have changed, with some stallions moving up into the top ten—a trend worth watching.

Below we give you the top rated sires of 2019 winners from the Morgan show ring:



1. MIZRAHI

(HVK Bell Flaire x Schiaparelli
by Wham Bam Command)

Owner: Playmor Farm LLC

This genetic powerhouse has spent years in this spot as his get continue to dominate our show ring. He is the result of mating two greats who were not only both world champions, but

legendary producers. A number of "Isaac's" sons carry on as next generation breeding stallions themselves. Top five get earning him this distinction in 2019 include OVT Cold As Ice GCH (HP);

Playmor's Juke Box Hero (CPS); Acorn Ridge Dutch Design GCH (CPD); Ledyard Bombshell (PS); & Unzipped (EP).



2. MINION MILLENNIUM

(Minion Valentino x Pompp And Pazzaz by Serenity Masterpiece)

Owner: Roxanne Sardelli Greenway

His get are treasured by trainers and exhibitors for their combination of intelligence and athleticism regardless of discipline. He has sired across the divisions from this year's Weanling



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Gala Champion to saddle seat and fine harness winners and carriage horses. His dam is featured in this year's Broodmare Hall Of Fame profiles. His high point winners include Millenniums Masterpiece GCH (Misc); Martha Stewart GCH (Misc); Cherrydale Ariella GCH (WP); Hand Crafted CH (HP); & Sarde's Kodachrome (CPS).



3. FUTURITY FRENCH COMMAND

(Carlyle Command
x Nobelle by Noble Command)

Owner: Rick Lane

There is no doubt French's concentrated pedigree has made him a surefire breeding horse. He has five crosses to Waseeka's Nocturne in five generations.

He remains in the sire rating more than a decade after his death. Regardless of division, his get benefit from the trainability and quality he has passed on. Top performing get in 2019 are Cabot French Reflection (WP); CBMF Burn Notice GCH (WP); CFF Personal Advantage GCH (CP); Cimi's Avant Garde GCH (EP); & Arcola's French Press (HP).



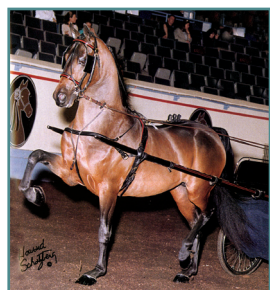
4. ASTRONOMICALLEE

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

Owner: CAL III Horses, LLC

Horse breeding is a huge success when an individual combines all the best of his parents. Astro is that animal—tall, talented, beautiful, and tail-

flagging. And he continuously passes on his talents to offspring which compete most notably in the saddle seat and fine harness traditions. His dam is a kingmaker with multiple top breeding sons. Among his winners in 2019 were Dreamaker Cochise (EP); Ledyards Rare Soul CH (EP); Cedar Creek Flambeau GCH (PS); Centaurus Rising GCH (CPS); & Circus Boy CH (CPD).



5. ULTRAS SPECIAL AGENT

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

Owner: Annette Nickle Smith

Tug Hill Commando brought the beauty gene and his lineage has been represented consistently on the sire rating by this top producing son, who

just happens to be out of a daughter of broodmare sire Tedwin Topic. The cross also produced the World Champion Mare Ultras Formal Request. The highly trainable offspring which earned him this placing for 2019 include BLF Mission Impossible GCH (Misc);

Twin Elms Complete Chaos (Misc); Ultras Now And Forever GCH (HP); Lasting Valor (Misc); & Alphastar Carmen's Agent CH (PD).



6. GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH

(Mizrahi x Pompp And Pazazz
by Serenity Masterpiece)

**Owner: Russell, Roseanne
& Hannah McBain**

Tony is one of contemporary Morgandom's most celebrated performance horses and he is passing on his tal-

ent, charisma, and glamour. His get are prized for true trotting athleticism and they have the kind of flash that gets noticed. He is the second son of his Hall Of Fame dam on the list of top ten sires. Among the get representing him in the show ring this year are Ledyard All The Rage (IH); Laing Hill Uncle Jake (PD); Raintree Reunion (WP); Cherrydale Galileo (WP); & Indian Creek Tomahawk (HP).



7. SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE GCH

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

Owner: David James Walker

As is well-known we lost this one way too soon. An exemplar of precise trotting ability he also has the tendency

of passing on athleticism and his upright frame. With only 100 foals on the ground he is amply represented at the world championship level, including many who are fancy trotting Morgans like their sire. 2019 winners earning him his place on the rating include Akira Derringer GCH (IH); Hollywood Steve McQueen (PH); Violent Femme (HP); Sensationalist (PS); & BRMF Fearless.



8. TOWN ASSETS

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

Owner: Lynn Peeples

Town Assets comes from the amazingly productive breeding pool of Lynn Peeples—breeder of four World Champion Stallions. While Town

Assets is the trainer's horse who stayed home, he has nonetheless made a profound contribution to the Morgan show ring through his get. His daughters are also becoming prized broodmares. His winningest get in 2019 include EKL Town Finals CH (HP); Sunstone Uptown Lady (Misc); EKL Assets Vision GCH (HP); Cherrydale Shock The Town CH (CPD); FCM Prince Of Rock N Roll GCH (IH); & Liquid Assets (PS).



9. STAND AND DELIVER GCH

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

Owner: Tara Good

“Stilts” dual characteristics of extreme trotting motion and ultra-typy Morgan looks has won him many fans,

resulting in the opportunity to breed many special mares. Then there is the kind disposition and the trainability he passes on. Like so many important breeding stallions he descends from productive dam lines on both sides of his pedigree. Deliver The Dream GCH (HP); Standoff (CP); Stand True (CPD); HVMF Finally Pay Day (WP); & China Grove (WP) are his winningest get from 2019.



10. HOLLYBROOK STAGE RAGE

(Cedar CreekHarlequin x Bery
Banke Arboria by Anthracite)

Owner: Dr. James and Karen Sheilds

Stage Rage has been a go-to stallion for breeders seeking to add size and stretch to their foals. He is also developing a reputation as a sire of mares who breed on—his

world champion producing daughter Merriehill Dusk To Dawn is profiled in the Broodmare Hall Of Fame in this issue. Many consider him an outcross stallion for some of the breed’s more concentrated bloodlines. His top five winning get in 2019 are Joyfully GCH (WP); Dragonsmeade Alinea (EP); LBJ Pure Elegance (HP); Treble’s Take The Stage GCH (W-T); & RCF All The Rage GCH (CPD).

Additional rankings in the 2019 Morgan sire rating are as follows: 11—DBA Street Talk; 12—Rowenda Boogie On Down; 13—HVK Bell Flaire; 14—Liberation First Star; 15—GLB Bell Pepper.

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.




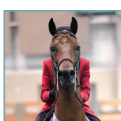


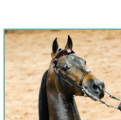
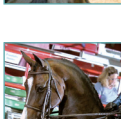
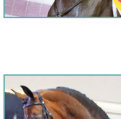
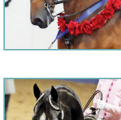
*APG: The average number of points for each get making up the sires point total.

SIRE	POINTS	# CLASSES	APG	GET
1. MIZRAHI	6,963	520	98.1	71
2. MINION MILLENNIUM	5,786	451	94.9	61
3. FUTURITY FRENCH COMMAND	4,419	364	94.0	47
4. ASTRONOMICALLEE	4,276	361	83.8	51
5. ULTRAS SPECIAL AGENT	3,812	353	93.0	41
6. GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH	3,185	227	99.5	32
7. SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE GCH	2,934	180	101.2	29
8. TOWN ASSETS	2,557	194	111.2	23
9. STAND AND DELIVER GCH	2,399	179	96.0	25
10. HOLLYBROOK STAGE RAGE	2,370	215	76.5	31



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

SIRE	GET	DIVISION	POINTS	
1. Mizrahi		1. OVT COLD AS ICE GCH	Hunter Pleasure Open	165
		2. Playmors Juke Box Hero	Classic Pleasure Saddle	161
		3. Acorn Ridge Dutch Design GCH	Classic Pleasure Driving	158
2. Minion Millennium		1. MILLENNIUMS MASTERPIECE GCH	Miscellaneous Morgan	310
		2. Martha Stewart GCH	Miscellaneous Morgan	290
		3. Cherrydale Ariella GCH	Western Pleasure Amateur	169
3. Futurity French Command		1. CABOT FRENCH REFLECTION	Miscellaneous Morgan	198
		2. CBMF Burn Notice GCH	Western Pleasure Amateur	189
		3. Cabot French Reflection	Western Pleasure Amateur	173
4. Astronomicallee		1. DREAMAKER COCHISE	English Pleasure Amateur	162
		2. Ledyards Rare Soul CH	English Pleasure Amateur	159
		3. Cedar Creek Flambeau GCH	Park Saddle Open	151
5. Ultras Special Agent		1. BLF MISSION IMPOSSIBLE GCH	Miscellaneous Morgan	330
		2. Twin Elms Complete Chaos	Miscellaneous Morgan	214
		3. Ultras Now And Forever GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	146
6. Graycliff Tony GCH		1. LEDYARD ALL THE RAGE	In-Hand Mare	135
		2. Laing Hill Uncle Jake	Pleasure Driving Junior Horse	129
		3. Raintree Reunion	Western Pleasure Amateur	112
7. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH		1. AKIRA DERRINGER GCH	In-Hand Stallion	137
		2. Hollywood Steve McQueen	Park Harness Junior Horse	120
		3. Violent Femme	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	113
8. Town Assets		1. EKL TOWN FINALS CH	Hunter Pleasure Amateur	170
		2. Sunstone Uptown Lady	Miscellaneous Morgan	134
		3. EKL Assets Vision GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	132
9. Stand And Deliver GCH		3. Cherrydale Shock The Town CH	Classic Pleasure Driving	132
		1. DELIVER THE DREAM GCH	Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	164
		2. Standoff	Classic Pleasure Saddle	161
10. Hollybrook Stage Rage		3. Stand True	Classic Pleasure Driving	157
		1. JOYFULLY GCH	Western Pleasure Amateur	165
		2. Dragonsmeade Alinea	English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor	144
		3. Joyfully GCH	Walk-Trot Pleasure	137



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

DIVISION	SIRE	POINTS	GET
CLASSIC PLEASURE	1. Mizrahi	1,402	13
	2. Minion Millennium	947	9
	3. Stand And Deliver GCH	819	9
ENGLISH PLEASURE	1. Mizrahi	1,419	24
	2. Astronomicallee	843	12
	3. Dragonsmeade Icon	457	8
HUNTER PLEASURE	1. Futurity French Command	1,230	16
	2. Minion Millennium	1,202	12
	3. Mizrahi	1,088	13
IN-HAND	1. Mizrahi	583	9
	2. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	520	7
	3. Graycliff Tony GCH	434	6
PARK HARNESS	1. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	548	6
	2. Mizrahi	331	6
	3. Graycliff Tony GCH	269	7
PARK SADDLE	1. SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH	402	7
	2. Liberation First Star	370	4
	3. And The Beat Goes On	304	3
PLEASURE DRIVING	1. Mizrahi	594	13
	2. Stonecroft Trilogy	451	7
	3. Minion Millennium	411	6
WESTERN PLEASURE	1. Futurity French Command	1,334	14
	2. Minion Millennium	1,233	11
	3. Mizrahi	1,005	11
MISCELLANEOUS MORGAN	1. PKM Gamborian	1,413	3
	2. Ultras Special Agent	985	11
	3. Minion Millennium	975	20
CARRIAGE	1. Crown Superlative	432	2
	2. Wintergreen Carlossantana	311	1
	3. Be-st's Top Katt	198	1

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