

# STANDING

## THE 2023 MORGAN SIRE RATING

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

**THE SADDLE HORSE  
REPORT**



In the age of electronic databases, a sire rating does something not available to breeders in earlier generations. It quantifies today what could only have been anecdotal information decades ago. A mare owner doesn't have to hear from a neighbor that a distant stallion is begetting impressive results. Today, objectively documented information can be one aid in breeders' decision making.

Which is why we use—and are thankful for—data compiled by Saddle Horse Report. Our friends at Dabora, Inc. 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 an authoritative 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.

### TOP TEN TRENDS

- Minion Millennium moves up to number one ranked Morgan sire after five consecutive years as number two.
- Mizrahi slips to number three after an impressive nine years as the number one ranked sire.
- Nine of the top ten stallions trace in direct tail male line to the prevalent stallion Waseeka's Nocturne and thus his Brunk-bred sire Starfire.

- Number one ranked Minion Millennium is alone in tracing to an entirely different tail male family, in his case the Government line to Captor, by Mansfield, by Bennington, by General Gates.
- Three Broodmare Hall of Fame mares have sons in the top ten: Pompp And Pazazz has two (and they are numbers one and two), Minion Millennium and Graycliff Tony GCH; Schiaparelli has one, Mizrahi; and Merriehill Dusk To Dawn has one, Merriehill After Hours GCH.
- Mizrahi is the only top ten sire to have offspring in the top ten, in his case two, Graycliff Tony GCH (#2) and Merriehill After Hours GCH (#6).
- Two stallions left the top ten ranking, Futurity French Command (now # 18) and DBA Street Talk (now # 13). The remarkable fact was how long they remained in the top ten years after being deceased.
- There are three deceased stallions in the top ten, Mizrahi (d. 2023), MSV Shooting Star (d. 2020), and SpiceOLife Present Tense GCH (d. 2015).
- Two stallions move up into the top ten this year, Man In Black GCH (# 8, previously #12) and MSV Shooting Star (#10, previously #16).
- Numbers Matter:
  - The top ten stallions with the highest number of registered get are the two that have dominated for so long: Minion Millennium (288) and Mizrahi (284).
  - The top ten stallions with the fewest registered get are Man In Black GCH (54) and MSV Shooting Star (50).
  - The average number of registered get for the top five stallions is 206 (however, fifth ranked Rowenda Boogie On Down achieved his ranking with only 78 total offspring).



- The average number of registered get for the top ten stallions is 159.

### A NEW NUMBER !!

You don't have to be crowned "Number 1" to claim success in any endeavor. But acknowledgement is the frosting on the cake when it finally arrives.

"We've worked long and hard and are obviously super proud of this ranking," says John Hufferd. He is speaking about Roxanne Sardelli Greenway's popular stallion Minion Millennium, who moves this year to the slot of number one ranked sire. He's been in the number two spot for five years.

Triumph Stables's John Hufferd mentions that "M&M" was one of the first sires to attract interest in high-headed Morgans from Amish breeders in the Mid-West. John recalls the early days of shipping semen when they got in a truck, drove the container to a breeder's farm, and waited while a mare was inseminated so they could bring the tank home.

John sees the stallion's popularity owing to several fronts. He says M&M sires "size, quality, and trainability [in offspring that] are very successful in many divisions. Plus, his daughters are talked about across the industry. They are sought after as broodmares all the time.

"We bought him as a show horse, all the rest of this was a bonus," John continues. "His owners over the years have supported us with pretty much a free rein to get him to this achievement. I have to thank everyone, especially Roxanne Sardelli, for letting us guide his career. We've been waiting a long time, and it sure feels good."

## TOP 10 RATED SIRES



### 1. MINION MILLENNIUM (b. 1998)

(Minion Valentino x Pompp And Pazazz, BHOF [by Serenity Masterpiece])

**Tail Male Line:** Fleetwing (1943)/Captor (1932)

**Tail Female Line:** Devan Lady Fireflight (1953) by O C R by Captor

**Standing Last Year:** 2

**Registered Get:** 288

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 66

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**Top Five Scoring Get:** Millenniums Masterpiece GCH (Misc); Cherrydale Melania GCH (WP/WT); Feelin' Like A Million (WP); MLB Stage Door Johnny GCH (HP); Newmont's Miss Money Penny GCH (W-T);



### 2. GRAYCLIFF TONY GCH (b. 2004)

(Mizrahi x Pompp And Pazazz, BHOF [by Serenity Masterpiece])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Devan Lady Fireflight (1953) by O C R by Captor

**Standing Last Year:** 3

**Registered Get:** 136

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 52

**Top Five Scoring Get:** LRN Roy-El Sage (Misc.) Sangre Island Time (Misc.); Newmont's Remedy (Carriage); MNF Wild Cat (PS); Ledyard All The Rage GCH (CP).



### 3. MIZRAHI (b. 1996, deceased)

(HVK Bell Flaire x Schiaparelli, BHOF [by Wham Bam Command])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Tinkerbell (1941) by Sealect

**Standing Last Year:** 1



**Registered Get:** 287

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 52

**Top Five Scoring Get:** PlayMor's Cherokee Nation CH (WP); Acorn Ridge Dutch Design GCH (CP); Laing Hill Get Busy (HP); Clayhill Dillinger (PS); Fifty Shades Of Bay (WP);



#### 4. ASTRONOMICALLEE (b. 1999)

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

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Lippitt Gay Sally (1941) by Lippitt Twilight Sam

**Standing Last Year:** 4

**Registered Get:** 242

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 41

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Stonleigh Time Afr Thyme (Misc); Whitemud High Society GCH (CPS&H); Moonrune Tempest Sonata (Misc.) Le- dyard's Midas Touch GCH (CPS); Dantree Princeton CH (CPS).



#### 5. ROWENDA BOOGIE ON DOWN (b. 2006)

(LPS The Boogie Man GCH x Rowenda Belleek [by Cedar CreekHarlequin])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Upwey Casablanca (1943) by Upwey King Benn

**Standing Last Year:** 6

**Registered Get:** 78

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 22

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Magenta's Mad Moonshine GCH (Misc, WP); HRL Super Star Captivator (WP); EKL Shake It Off (WP); Morengo SS CH (CPS); Valley Acres Who Dat GCH (HP).



#### 6. MERRIEHILL AFTER HOURS GCH (b. 2010)

(Mizrahi x Merriehill Dusk To Dawn, BHOF [by HollyBrook Stage Rage])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Devan Pompom (1962) by Silverhawk (1946)

**Standing Last Year:** 8

**Registered Get:** 99

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 34

**Top Five Scoring Get:** HVK Midnight Fling (I-H); NEF Transcend (CPS); Merriehill Justify CH (I-H); SSLLC Last Call (HP); Merriehill Shooting Star CH (CPD).



#### 7. ULTRAS SPECIAL AGENT (b. 1997)

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

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)



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**Tail Female Line:** Devan Rose (1949) by Captor  
**Standing Last Year:** 5

**Registered Get:** 254

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 32

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Whispering In The Wind GCH (Misc); Twin Elms Complete Chaos CH (Misc); SCMF Gov Arnold GCH (Misc); Bears Agent Double O Soul GCH (WP/WP W-T); Ultras Double Oh Seven CH (CD).



### 8. MAN IN BLACK GCH (b. 2008)

(Town Assets x Town Sweetheart [by Man About Town LPS])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** My Lady Knox (1906) by Knox Morgan

**Standing Last Year:** 12

**Registered Get:** 54

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 26

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Ledyard Oberon GCH (CPD); Ledyard Leap Of Faith (HP); Ledyard Up The Tempo (I-H); Ledyard Understand Ur Man (I-H); Ledyard The Rebel (PD)



### 9. SPICEOLIFE PRESENT TENSE GCH

(b. 2002, deceased)

(Arboria Noble Victor x SpiceOLife Allura B

[by Shaker's Alimon])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Bonnie Ellen (1953) by Bonfire by Senator Graham

**Standing Last Year:** 7

**Registered Get:** 106

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 28

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Valley Acres Just N Time (HP); Prolific (HP); Intense GCH (CPS); Miss Velvet Brown GCH (CPS); BRMF Fearless CH (PD).



### 10. MSV SHOOTING STAR (b. 2002)

(Liberation First Star x Ryan's Pure Silk Lady [by Tug Hill Commando])

**Tail Male Line:** Waseeka's Nocturne (1954)/Starfire (1948)

**Tail Female Line:** Lucine (1918) by Lyndon

**Standing Last Year:** 16

**Registered Get:** 50

**Number of Get Contributing to Standing:** 24

**Top Five Scoring Get:** Hollybrook Rembrandt (WP); Altair Rising Star (WP); PlayMor's I'm A Star Too GCH (PH); RDF Bella's Fireball (I-H); Crown Commandant (HP).

### SIRES RATED 11-15

#### 11. Get Busy

(Astronomicallee x So Vain)

#### 12. GLB Bell Pepper

(HVK Bell Flaire x Fletcher Music Lee, BHOF)

#### 13. DBA Street Talk

(Serenity Masterpiece x Kinglow's Cherish)

#### 14. CBMF Over The Moon

(Astronomicallee x Halle Berry)

#### 15. Merriehill Home Stretch GCH

(Tug Hill Whamunition x Futurity Chicago Whitesox)

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