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MILLIONAIRE MEDAGLIA D'ORO RETIRED

Three-time grade I winner headed to Hill 'n' Dale

Millionaire Medaglia d'Oro, a seven-time graded stakes winner and twice runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), has been retired from racing and will enter stud at John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm near Lexington. Audrey Haisfield privately bought the 5-year-old horse from Edmund Gann.

"He's a world class runner, a grade I winner, and one of the most consistent horses in years," said Sikura about Medaglia d'Oro's record of 15 top two finishes in 17 starts. "His sire, El Prado, is a leading sire. Medaglia d'Oro competed against the elite and was kept in good form, a testament to his trainer, Bobby Frankel."

Frankel trained Medaglia d'Oro for Gann, who bought the horse privately from breeders Albert and Joyce Bell. Medaglia d'Oro made his first two starts for Joyce Bell.

One of 50 stakes winners sired by El Prado, Medaglia d'Oro was a grade I winner three consecutive years. He won the Travers Stakes (gr. I) at three, the Whitney Handicap (gr. I) at four, and the Donn Handicap (gr. I) this year with a 117 Beyer Speed Figure. His 120 Beyer in winning the Jim Dandy Stakes (gr. II) at Saratoga was the highest for a 3-year-old in 2002. Medaglia d'Oro, who was produced from the Bailjumper mare Cappucino Bay, also won three other grade II races during his career.

All six of Medaglia d'Oro's runner-up efforts in stakes came in grade/group I events. He ran second in the 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) and was second again in the following year's Breeders' Cup Classic - Powered by Dodge. He also was second in the Belmont Stakes (gr. I) and closed out his career with a runner-up effort in the Emirates Airlines



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Medaglia d'Oro

MEDAGLIA D'ORO

El Prado—Cappucino Bay, by Bailjumper

Raced 4 years, 17 starts, 8 wins, \$5,754,720

Won Travers S. (gr. I), Whitney H. (gr. I), Donn H. (gr. I), Jim Dandy S. (gr. II), etc., 2nd Belmont S. (gr. I), Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I, twice), etc.

Dubai World Cup (UAE-I) in March. He was retired with eight wins and earnings of \$5,754,720.

Haisfield, who bought Gaillardia Farm near Versailles, Ky., this year, does not plan to syndicate Medaglia d'Oro. She also owns a sizable interest in successful young stallion Doneraile Court, who stands at Hill 'n' Dale. A fee for Medaglia d'Oro will be announced later.

CLEVER TRICK DEAD

Successful stallion Clever Trick, who sired 67 stakes winners, died June 5 at Glencrest Farm near Midway, Ky., where he had stood his entire stallion career.

According to Glencrest co-owner David Greathouse, 28-year-old Clever Trick was discovered on the ground in his paddock. A veterinarian determined that he had massive kidney failure, and he was immediately euthanized.

"It's like losing a member of the family," Greathouse said. "He was such a great stallion, a real icon. And don't forget, we saw him nearly every day for 23 years."

A homebred for William S. Farish, Clever Trick put together one of the more enviable race records around the late 1970s and early '80s, winning 18 of 29 races. A proven sprinter, he won eight stakes and earned \$419,787.



MATT GOINS

Clever Trick

Retired to Glencrest in 1981, Clever Trick was the leading freshman stallion by number of winners, with 18, and ranked among the leading sires of 2-year-olds by progeny earnings, with some \$500,000, that 1984 season. That initial crop came to include eight stakes winners, including grade II winner Phone Trick. A later crop, foaled in

1986, consisted of 11 stakes winner.

Like Clever Trick, Phone Trick became a prominent stallion and a fine source of speed, siring Horse of the Year Favorite Trick and champion juvenile filly Phone Chatter.

Sons of Clever Trick have sired a combined 120 stakes winners and the earners of \$85 million. Clever Trick's daughters have produced 75 stakes winners, led by millionaires Came Home and Yes It's True.

Clever Trick for years had been one of America's most reliable sires of winners



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and juvenile winners. In addition to his 67 stakes winners, he sired 63 stakes-placed horses and the earners of \$43.5 million. Through 2003, he ranked fourth by number of lifetime winners, with 591, behind Sadler's Wells, Mr. Prospector, and Mr. Leader.

Clever Trick (Icecapade—Kankakee Miss, by Better Bee) will be buried at the farm alongside former Glencrest stallions Full Out and Booklet.

FIRST WINNERS

Millionaire **Running Stag** and Irish group winner **Bernstein** were represented by their first winners June 5. Running Stag's son, Renga, won at 4½ furlongs in :55.12 at Woodbine at first asking. Bred by Frank Stronach's Adena Springs, Renga races for Gerry Rizzardo and Terri Vella. Running Stag (Cozzene—Fruhlingstag, by Orsini II) stands for \$7,500 at Adena Springs South near Ocala, Fla.

Bernstein's first winner, Rugula, won at Arlington Park at 4½ furlongs in :52.67 in her first time out. Bred by Douglas Arnold, Rugula races for Andrew Logan and Joseph P. McKellar. Bernstein (Storm Cat—La Affirmed, by Affirmed) stands for \$7,500 at Arnold's Buck Pond Farm near Versailles, Ky.

International champions **Dubai Millennium** and **Montjeu** were represented by their first winners in early June in England. Dubai Millennium's initial winner, Dubawi, won June 4 at six furlongs at Goodwood in England in his debut. Bred by Sheikh Mohammed's Darley, Dubawi races for Godolphin.

Dubai Millennium (Seeking the Gold—

Colorado Dancer, by Shareef Dancer) stood at Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud in England prior to his death from grass sickness in his first season at stud.

Montjeu's first winner, Kings Quay, won June 3 at five furlongs at Sandown in England. Bred by Newsells Park Stud, the colt races for J.R. May. The following day, another Montjeu colt, Where With All, won at six furlongs at Haydock in England. Bred by Kilfrush Stud, Where With All races for Godolphin. Montjeu (Sadler's Wells—Floripedes, by Top Ville) stands at Coolmore Stud in Ireland.

EUROPEAN CHAMPION AWAASIF DEAD

English champion Awaasif, the first group I winner for Sheikh Mohammed, died May 26 at Newmarket, England. The 25-year-old mare produced three stakes winners, including group I winner Snow Bride, the dam of unbeaten English and French champion Lammtarra.

Awaasif's death harkens to the early days of Sheikh Mohammed's racing operation when he bought horses in the name of Aston Upthorpe Stud. Sheikh Mohammed purchased Awaasif for \$325,000 at the 1980 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale. Bred by E.P. Taylor, Awaasif was sired by 1974 Epsom Derby (Eng-I) winner Snow Knight and produced from the Northern Dancer mare Royal Statute.

Awaasif was England's champion 3-year-old filly of 1982, winning the Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I) and running third in the Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Fr-I). The following year, she captured the Gran Premio del Jockey Club (It-I).

Awaasif didn't fare as well in her two U.S. starts. She finished unplaced in the Washington, D.C., International (gr. IT) and the Oak Tree Invitational (gr. IT).

Snow Bride was Awaasif's second foal. The daughter of Blushing Groom finished second in the Gold Seal Epsom Oaks (Eng-I), but was moved to first after an unauthorized substance was found in first-place finisher Aliysa.

Snow Bride, who won two group III events, is best known for producing Lammtarra. A son of Nijinsky II, Lammtarra won Europe's three greatest prizes: the Epsom Derby, Arc de Triomphe, and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (Eng-I). Bred by Sheikh Maktoum's Gainsborough Farm, Lammtarra raced for Sheikh Maktoum's son, Saeed Maktoum. Lammtarra was sold for stallion duty to Japanese breeders for \$30 million.

Awaasif produced a dozen foals, seven of which were winners. Her other two stakes winners, Jarraar (by Mr. Prospector) and Ibn Al Haitham (by Zafonic) were graded stakes winners.

Newcomers

Listed alphabetically are sires of 2-year-olds which recently won their first race. Included are 2-year-olds which won at a North American racetrack and foreign 2-year-old winners by North American stallions. T indicates turf, * indicates first start, ¶ indicates a sire represented by his first crop of 2-year-olds, † indicates a filly. Following the sire and dam is the name of the winner, number of named foals in the sire's current 2-year-old crop, number of winners (both North American and in foreign countries), track where the race was won, date, distance and time of the race, auction information, and the breeder's name.

Accelerator—Misericordia Lady: †Patches of Speed (36-1), *Del, 6/2, 4 1/2f (54.44); '02 ftkdec \$2,400, '03 eassep \$5,000; breeder, Robert Nash (Ky.).

Apollo—Scirocco: †Weybridge (17-1), Hol, 6/4, 5f (1:00.22); breeder, Dr. Michael Neumann (Calif.).

Baquero—Jordana's Run: †Gordys Sweet Jordy (33-1), *EmD, 6/6, 4 1/2f (53.60); breeder, Gordon and Glenda M. McLean (Ore.).

¶Bernstein—Skygusty: †Rugula (89-1), *Ap, 6/5, 4 1/2f (52.67); '03 keesep \$11,000; breeder, Douglas S. Arnold (Ky.).

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