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GLENCREST STALLION WAVERING MONARCH DEAD

Raise a Native-line stallion known as successful broodmare sire

Wavering Monarch, a multiple grade I winner whose champion son Maria's Mon sired 2001 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner Monarchos, died June 17 because of the infirmities of old age at the Greathouse family's Glencrest Farm near Midway, Ky. The 25-year-old son of Majestic Light started his stallion career at Spendthrift Farm near Lexington before returning to Glencrest. His death came after the June 5 death of farm stallion Clever Trick.

"It is such a shame that we had to put down Wavering Monarch, because he was a home product through and through, and excelled as both a sire and a broodmare sire," said David Greathouse. "He will be sorely missed."

Wavering Monarch served as a link to the past when Greathouse's late father, John Greathouse Sr., owned and operated Glencrest. A big colt, Wavering Monarch was viewed as Kentucky Derby material while growing up, but didn't start until the Keeneland spring meeting as a 3-year-old after a slight injury in New York that winter.

Wavering Monarch promptly won his first two races by 17½ lengths, then ran third in the Blue Grass Stakes (gr. I). His inexperience caught up with him, and he ran unplaced in the Run for the Roses. Bypassing the Preakness (gr. I) and Belmont (gr. I) Stakes, Wavering Monarch then won in succession the Jefferson Cup at Churchill Downs, the Ak-Sar-Ben Omaha Gold Cup (gr. II), and the Haskell Invitational Handicap (gr. I) at Monmouth Park over Preakness winner Aloma's Ruler.

Trained by George R. "Rusty" Arnold that 1982 season, Wavering Monarch was sent to trainer Lazaro Barrera in Southern California for his 4-year-old campaign. He started four times, winning the San Fernando Stakes (gr. I) and placing in three graded stakes, including the Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I). He was retired after suffering an injury during a workout that spring and ended his career with six wins from 13 starts and earnings of \$466,773.

Wavering Monarch developed into a successful broodmare



Wavering Monarch

sire and sire of 2-year-olds. Maria's Mon was champion juvenile male of 1995 before siring Monarchos from his first crop. Wavering Monarch also sired other successful juveniles such as Canadian champion filly Wavering Girl, plus graded stakes winners Fluttery Danseur and A. V. Eight.

Wavering Monarch's success as broodmare sire might be explained by the Buckpasser connection in his pedigree. Buckpasser, the leading sire by cumulative Average-Earnings Index, is the sire of Wavering Monarch's dam, Uncommitted.

Five of Wavering Monarch's daughters each have produced the earners of \$1 million, including Wavering Girl, dam of grade I turf winner Military. Wavering Monarch's other major performers as a maternal grandsire include Preakness winner and champion Prairie Bayou, Kentucky Derby runner-up Tejano

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CLAIBORNE BUYS BREEDING INTEREST IN STRONG HOPE

Claiborne Farm has acquired a breeding interest in Eugene and Laura Melnyk's grade II winner Strong Hope and announced that the 4-year-old son of Grand Slam will enter stud at the Paris, Ky., nursery in 2005.

"We are thrilled to have Strong Hope coming to Claiborne Farm," said farm pres-

ident Seth Hancock about the two-time grade II winner. "He is an outstanding individual, an extremely talented racehorse, and he's from a female family that includes important sires El Gran Senor and Try My Best."

A \$1.7-million Saratoga yearling, Strong Hope won five consecutive races last year, including the Jim Dandy Stakes (gr. II) over Empire Maker at Saratoga and the Dwyer

Stakes (gr. II) at Belmont Park. He ran third in the Travers Stakes (gr. I) at Saratoga.

Making his 4-year-old debut at Gulf-



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Run, Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) winner Pike Place Dancer, Canadian classic winner Stephanotis, and 2003 Matron Stakes (gr. I) winner Marylebone.

As a broodmare sire, Wavering Monarch is represented by the earners of \$24.6 million and 27 stakes winners. Allen Greathouse, farm manager of Glencrest, said the farm owns some seven or eight Wavering Monarch mares, including graded stakes producer Overtuned, who was bred this year to Giant's Causeway. As a stallion, Wavering Monarch has sired the earners of \$19.2 million and 38 stakes winners.

Wavering Monarch, who covered 20 mares this year, was buried at Glencrest.

stream Park, Strong Hope recorded a 114 Beyer Speed Figure with a 1:08.77 victory at six furlongs. He has raced twice more, placing in the Carter (gr. I) and Metropolitan (gr. I) Handicaps in New York. Unplaced once in his 10 starts, he boasts six wins and earnings of \$754,960.

Strong Hope, a half-brother to Irish group winner Bahamian Pirate, is out of the Deputy Minister mare Shining Through, whose dam, Solar, was Ireland's second-topweighted filly as a 2-year-old. Bred by Trackside Farm, G.A. Seelbinder, and Liberation Farm, Strong Hope will continue to race for the Melnyks. His fee will be announced later.

CHISELLING TO SOUTH AFRICA

Grade I winner Chiselling, a half-brother to grade I winner Empire Maker, has been acquired by Andreas Jacobs and Scott Brothers in a partnership for stallion duty at Maine Chance Farms near Robertson in South Africa. The 5-year-old son of Woodman raced as a homebred for Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms, winning three of 10 races and earning \$410,000. He captured the 2002 Secretariat (gr. IT) and Lexington (gr. IIIT) Stakes and ran third in that year's Jamaica Handicap (gr. IIT). His last start came in June of last year.

Empire Maker, winner of the 2003 Belmont Stakes (gr. I), entered stud this year at Juddmonte near Lexington. Chiselling also is a half-brother to grade I winners Chester House and Honest Lady and to grade II winner Decarchy. His dam, grade I winner Toussaud, is by El Gran Senor. Chiselling's fee is 25,000 rands (approximately \$3,800).

COMMENDABLE'S FIRST WINNER

Classic winner Commendable's first winner came June 17 at Lone Star Park

when I'm On T. V. won at 5½ furlongs in 1:05.09 in her first start. Bred by Runners Ridge and Mill Ridge Farm, the filly races for Turf Express.

Winner of the 2000 Belmont Stakes (gr. I), Commendable (Gone West—Bought Twice, by In Reality) stands for \$10,000 at Mill Ridge near Lexington, owned by Alice Chandler and her husband, Dr. John Chandler.

THUNDER GULCH, HONOUR AND GLORY, HOUSEBUSTER TO ARGENTINA

Thunder Gulch and Honour and Glory, both of whom stand at Ashford Stud near Versailles, Ky., and Virginia stallion Housebuster will shuttle to Argentina for the Southern Hemisphere season. All three will stand at farms located near San Antonio de Areco in the province of Buenos Aires.

A champion and dual classic winner, 12-year-old Thunder Gulch (Gulch—Line of Thunder, by Storm Bird) will stand at Raul Lottero's Haras La Esperanza, a newly formed division of Haras Vacacion. Thunder Gulch was North America's leading sire of 2001 the year his son Point Given was Horse of the Year. Thunder Gulch has sired 37 stakes winners, including millionaire Spain.

Millionaire and grade I winner Honour and Glory, an 11-year-old son of Relaunch out of the Al Nasr mare Fair to All, will hold court at Haras De La Pomme. Honour and Glory, who was North America's leading sire of 2-year-olds as a freshman stallion in

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This Capote filly, foaled April 14 at Gracefield near Lexington, is a half-sister to grade I winner FILM MAKER (by Dynaformer). Bred by Philip J. Steinberg, she is out of Miss Du Bois, who is in foal to Dynaformer.

2000, is the sire of that year's champion juvenile filly Caressing, plus 18 other stakes winners.

Housebuster, who stood several seasons in Japan before being returned to the U.S. for the 2002 breeding season, will head to Haras El Paraiso following the end of the breeding season at Blue Ridge Farm near Upperville, Va. An Eclipse Award-winning sprinter, 17-year-old Housebuster (Mt. Livermore—Big Dreams, by Great Above) has sired 31 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.

Abaginone—Hermi: †Her Song (33-1), CrC, 6/18, 4 1/2f (55.35); breeder, Dr.'s K. K. and Viasini Devi Jayaraman (Fla.).
 Allen's Prospect—Douce Douce: Ease Your Mind (73-1), Del, 6/15, 5f (59.70); '03 eassep \$27,000; breeder, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.).
 Appealing Skier—Brite's High: †Appealing Okie (15-1), *PrM, 6/14, 5f (1:05.22); '03 texaug \$62,000; breeder, Dr. Jacquelyn J. and Gerald Rich (Texas).
 Basket Weave—Notjustanyknight: Best Knight Ever (35-1), BM, 6/17, 5f (1:00.16); '03 wassep \$12,000; breeder, Claudia Atwell Canouse (Wash.).
 ¶Bernstein—Word Harvest: †Berbatim (91-3), *Ap, 6/16, 4 1/2f (52.85); '02 keenov \$40,000, '03 keesep \$12,000; breeder, Douglas S. Arnold and W. E. Zemer Jr. (Ky.).
 Carson City—Proper Banner: Proper Carson (68-5), CD, 6/19, 5 1/2f (1:05.60); breeder, Mrs. James Winn (Ky.).
 Carson City—Chocolate Fudge: †Royal Fudge (68-6), CD, 6/20, 5 1/2f (1:05.03); '03 keesep \$200,000; breeder, Donald and R. Mary Zuckerman, and As Tenants by the Entireties (N.Y.).
 Charismatic—Restless Appeal: †Charming Colleen (60-1), *EmD, 6/20, 5f (57.80); '03 barocy \$32,000; breeder, Robert and Beverly Lewis (Calif.).
 Codys Key—Tonight: Private Night (11-1), *Cpw, 6/12, 2 1/2f

(32.80); breeder, Curtis R. Rohweder (Minn.).
 ¶Commendable—Judys Wild Rose: †I'm On T. V. (28-1), *LS, 6/17, 5 1/2f (1:05.09); '02 keenov \$20,000, '03 texaug \$12,000; breeder, Runners Ridge Inc and Mill Ridge Farm (Ky.).
 Conquistador Cielo—Maggie North: El Hielo Hombre (33-1), LaD, 6/17, 5f (1:00.51); '03 keesep \$3,500; breeder, Fred Seitz (Ky.).
 Dance Brightly—Lucky Lady Dancer: †Tuff Justice (45-2), *PrM, 6/14, 5f (58.85); breeder, Justice Farm, Greg and Steve Justice (Ky.).
 ¶Devonwood—One Hundred Plus: †Speedy Gone Sally (29-1), *SiP, 6/19, 3 1/2f (41.00); '03 albaug \$2,283; breeder, Horizon Farm (Alb.).
 ¶Dixie Union—Call to the Post: †Elke (42-2), Mth, 6/17, 5f (59.38); '03 ftkjul \$70,000, '04 obsmar \$200,000; breeder, Muirfield Ventures, Peter Carlino, and Wendy Moon (Ky.).
 ¶Dixie Union—Im Out First: †Im a Dixie Girl (42-3), CD, 6/18, 4 1/2f (52.34); breeder, Wakefield Farm (Ky.).
 Evansville Slew—La Manche: †Slews in Oz Now (45-3), *Eur, 6/20, 4f (48.60); '03 keesep \$5,000; breeder, Calvin Tucker (Ky.).

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