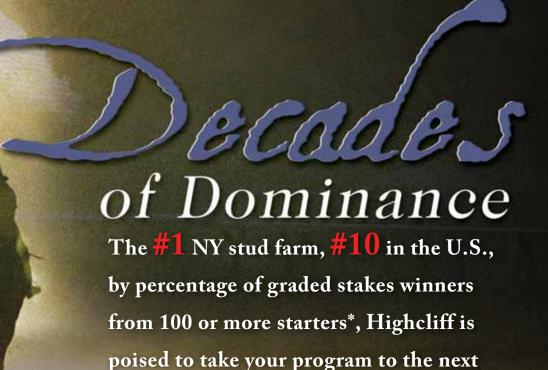
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From the managing editor's desk

Advantage New York

Catchy slogans come and go. Fast-food companies, soft drinks, department and electronics stores, and even racetracks have them. They also change them, sometime frequently, even when they work or are catchy.

The New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. hitched its wagon to a good one a few years ago and even though one might not see or hear it very often, it is still part of the organization's promotions. It could not ring more true today than it did a decade ago.

"New York-breds ... They start with an advantage."

The slogan still appears on the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund website, and it is evident throughout the state's breeding program. But there is plenty more to the program than a catchy slogan.

It is true that New York-breds start with an advantage, beginning with the huge purses offered annually in hundreds of New York-bred events at the state's four Thoroughbred tracks.

Close examination of the purses, which was done by Thorough-BRED TIMES Contributing Editor Don Clippinger in his piece titled "Proof is in the purse numbers," shows that New York-breds run for purses that are competitive on the New York Racing Association circuit as well as being competitive anywhere in the nation regardless of restriction.

Closer examination of the benefits of being part of the New York Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry, which is outlined throughout this issue of *New York Now*, shows that now is as good a time as any to get involved in racing in the state.

The state offers lucrative state-bred restricted races, an average of \$44,849 per race at the 2010 Saratoga Race Course meeting, plus plenty of other incentives and awards.

The New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund administers those incentives and awards that are paid to breeders, racehorse owners, and stallion owners. More than \$52-million is distributed annually through the incentive programs, a total that certainly gives horsemen in the state reason to feel rewarded and dare say, at an advantage.

Tom Law

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Going strong, getting stronger

New York-breds have an outstanding year in Grade 1 races, and VLT revenues will bolster purses

BY DON CLIPPINGER

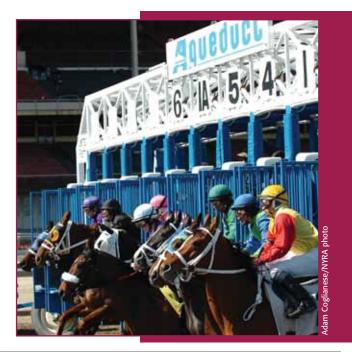
N 1981, the New York breeding program was still in its infancy, and a horse from Finger Lakes racetrack deigned to challenge the racing establishment at Saratoga Race Course in the \$175,500 Whitney Handicap (G1).

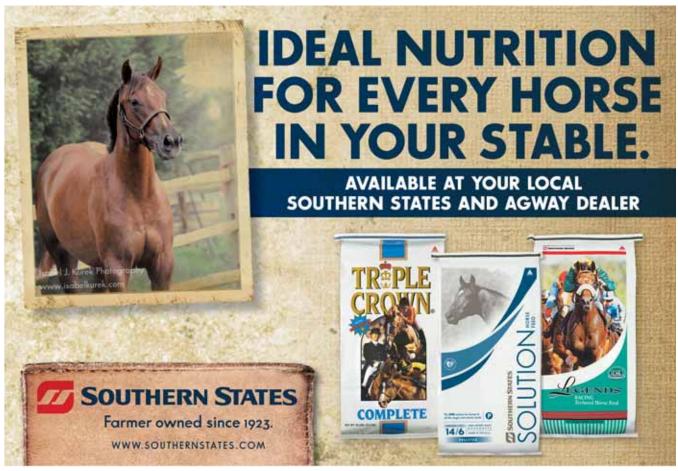
To be sure, Fio Rito had been the New York-bred horse of the year in 1980, and he was Finger Lakes' champion in the preceding two years, but neither accomplishment meant very much at that time. New York-breds were viewed with a certain condescension, as though they were stepping outside their caste when running against horses owned by the Phippses and the Mellons.

Bred and owned by western New York businessman Ray Lecesse, Fio Rito had an obscure pedigree, by Dreaming Native out of Seagret, by *Sea Charger. But, as pedigree authorities often have noted, the family does not mean much after their

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The New York breeding program is already the most lucrative in the country, paying out purses of \$36.2-million for state-breds in 2009, and additional funds are on the way thanks to video lottery terminals at Aqueduct





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MARSH SIDE

Bay, 2003

Dosage Profile: (10-13-16-2-3); DI: 2.38; CD: 0.57

Marsh Side's Race Record

in North America, United Arab Emirates, Japan

Age	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (sp)	3rd (sp)	Earnings
3	9	4 (1)	1	1	\$130,795
4	4	0	1(1)	0	147,953
5	5	1(1)	0	0	1,160,958
6	7	1(1)	1(1)	0	768,879
7	6	1 (1)	0	0	152,268
	31	7 (4)	3 (2)	1	\$2,360,853
					(RI:26.22)
			(6, 12fT,	Career be	st Rag# 3¾)

At 3: 1st Valedictory S. (\$109,496, WO, 14fAW, 2:58.27-ntr, by 3³/₄ lengths, dftd. Bureaucratic, True Metropolitan), An allowance (Cnl, 12f, 2:30.98, by 2 lengths), An allowance (Irl, 8f, 1:37.42), A maiden special weight (TP, 8fAW, 1:41.67, by 3 lengths).

At 4: 2nd Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup Turf S.-G2 (\$666,013, WO, to Sky Conqueror, dftd. Jambalaya). At 5: 1st Canadian International S.-G1 (\$1,851,249, WO, 12ff, 2:28.73, dftd. Spice Route [GB], Champs Elysees [GB]).

At 6: 1st Northern Dancer Turf S.-G1 (\$695,270, WO, 12fT, 2:26.68, dftd. Just as Well, Quijano [Ger]), 2nd Manhattan H.-G1 (\$400,000, Bel, to Gio Ponti, dftd. Better Talk Now).

At 7:1st Sky Classic S.-G2 (\$243,900, WO, 10fT, 2:08.99, by 5 lengths, dftd. Windward Islands, Your Round).

Sire Line

MARSH SIDE is by **GONE WEST**, 6 wins at 2 and 3,17 starts, \$682,251. **1st** Dwyer S.-G1, Gotham S.-G2, Withers S.-G2, **2nd** Wood Memorial Inv. S.-G1, Peter Pan S.-G2, Hutcheson S.-G3, etc.

GONE WEST is the sire of 20 crops (1214 foals), 972 runners (80%), 645 winners (53%), 201 2yo winners (17%), 98 stakes winners (8%), 25 2yo stakes winners (2%), \$82,547,396, avg/starter \$84,925, SI: 2.44, colts 2.60, fillies 2.22; ComSI: 3.04.

For statistics on active sons of Gone West at stud, please refer to the Active Sons Index.

In the Stud

MARSH SIDE stands his first year in 2011.

Gone West's Leading Runners

SPEIGHTSTOWN (98 c., dam by Storm Cat). 10 wins, \$1,258,256. (6, 6f, Rag# 0). Chp. Sprinter. **1st** Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1, Churchill Downs H.-G2, etc. *3X4 Secretariat; 4X4 Bold Ruler.*

ZAFONIC (90 c., The Minstrel). 5 wins, \$669,681. Chp. 2yo in Eur, Hwt. at 2 in Eur, Eng, Fr, Hwt. at 3 in Eur, 7-9 fur., Hwt. at 3 in Fr, 7-9½ fur. **1st** Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1), etc.

ROYAL ABJAR (91 c., Arctic Tern). 6 wins, \$297,334. Hwt. at 3 in Ger, 7-9½ fur., Hwt. Older Male in Ger, 7-9½ fur. **1st** Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (Ger-G1), Oettingen-Rennen (Ger-G3), etc.

GONE PROSPECTING (90 c., Bellypha [Ire]). 15 wins, \$61,826. Chp. Sprinter in Tri. **1st** Stewards Cup (Tri), Queen's Plate (Tri).

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	M. D	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW	838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34
	1178 fls, 181 SWs		1100 100 40	Lady Glory 34
	SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40
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Gone West 84		DI=2.23	Sequence 46	Count Fleet 40
1214 fls, 98 SWs		2. 2.20	Ocquerioc 40	Miss Dogwood 39
SI 2.44 DI=4.52		Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40
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	6 wins, \$101,598, SW	SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Somethingroyal 52	*Princequillo 40
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	620 fls, 78 SWs	Sun Colony 68	Sunrise Flight 59	Double Jay 44
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	16 fls, 4 SWs	5. 2.5 . 2. 6.76	I CIONIGE DIOTIGE 60	*Folie Douce 49
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		DI=4.60	Patelin 68	Cornish Prince 62
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MARSH SIDE (03 c., Pleasant Colony). Subject stallion.

DA HOSS (92 g., =Welsh Saint [Ire]). 12 wins, \$1,931,558. (6, 8fT, Rag# $2^{1}/4$). **1st** Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 (twice), Del Mar Inv. Derby-G2, etc. **CAME HOME** (99 c., Clever Trick). 9 wins, \$1,835,940. (3, 8.5f, Rag# $2^{1}/4$). **1st** Pacific Classic S.-G1, Santa Anita Derby-G1, etc.

JOHAR (99 c., Lear Fan). 6 wins, \$1,494,496. (4, 12fT, Rag# 3/4). **1st** Breeders' Cup Turf-G1, Hollywood Derby-G1, Oak Tree Derby-G2, etc.

LASSIGNY (91 c., Rio Bravo). 8 wins, \$1,318,371. (6, 11fT, Rag# 4¹/₄). **1st** Canadian International S. (Can-G1), Gulfstream Park H.-G2, etc.

WEST BY WEST (89 c., Cox's Ridge). 10 wins, \$1,038,123. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 4³/4). **1st** Nassau County H.-G1, Jamaica H.-G2, etc. *4X4 Bold Ruler*.

In 2010: Gone West has sired 119 starters, 43 winners, 1 SW, with total earnings of \$2,433,741, including MARSH SIDE [G2], Checklist [G2], Brady Baby, Not Here, Westbound Road.

Female Family

COLONIAL PLAY, by Pleasant Colony. 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$244,679, Orchid H.-G2, 3rd Sheepshead Bay H.-G2, etc. Sister to **PLEASANT STAGE**, **STAGE COLONY**. Dam of 7 foals, 5 to race, 4 winners—**MARSH SIDE** (c. by Gone West). Subject stallion. Saint's Play (f. by Saint Ballado). Winner at 4, \$72,400. Producer.

Sovereign Fund (g. by Giant's Causeway). 3 wins at 4, 2010, \$64,877.

Intimidator (c. by Gone West). Winner at 3, \$46.944. Sire.

METEOR STAGE, by Stage Door Johnny. Placed at 2, \$5,017. Half-sister to **A PHENOMENON**, **SEATTLE METEOR**, etc. Dam of 10 winners, including—

PLEASANT STAGE (f. by Pleasant Colony). 2 wins at 2, \$844,272, champion 2-year-old female, Juvenile Fillies-G1, Oak Leaf S.-G2, 2nd Acorn S.-G1, Kentucky Oaks-G1, 3rd CCA Oaks-G1. STAGE COLONY (c. by Pleasant Colony). 10 wins, 2 to 4, \$327,908, Rutgers H.-G3, etc. Sire. COLONIAL PLAY (f. by Pleasant Colony). See above. FULL STAGE (c. by Full Partner). 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$36,201, Copa Jorge Washington-G2, etc. Sire. Cherokee Assembly (c. by Cherokee Colony). 11 wins, \$219,087, 3rd Cedar Key S.-L, etc. Meteor Colony. Winner at 3, \$45,891. Dam of— CHANGEINTHEWEATHER (c. by Gone West). 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$441,247, Grey S.-G1, etc. Sire. Solar Colony. 2 wins, \$62,622. Dam of **REFORM** ACT (f. by Lemon Drop Kid, 3 wins, \$148,984 in Ireland, England, and North America, EBF Give Thanks S., etc.), Soul Search (f. by A.P. Indy, \$339,325, 2nd Spinster S.-G1, etc.).

NORTHERN METEOR, by Northern Dancer, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$66,301, California Oaks. Dam of 15 foals, 12 to race, 7 winners, including—

A PHENOMENON. 6 wins, \$380,982, Vosburgh S.-G1, Jerome H.-G2, Jim Dandy S.-G3, etc.

SEATTLE METEOR. 3 wins at 2, \$379,053, Spinaway S.-G1, Astoria S.-G3, 2nd Matron S.-G1, etc. Dam of DEMETEOR (10 wins, \$386,055, etc.) Dam of Jemesteon (10 wins, \$386,055, etc.) Dam of METEOR MIRACLE. 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$182,989, Sweetheart S., etc. Dam of METEORE (3 wins at 3, \$253,276, La Jolla H.-G2, etc.).

Meteor Ally. Winner at 3, \$11,580. Dam of **METEOR CAP** (3 wins, \$51,875, Marshua S.-L). Meteor Miner. Dam of **STAR OF BROADWAY** (4 wins, \$229,377, Beaumont S.-G2, etc.), etc.

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offspring start to race, and Fio Rito certainly could run.

Still, when trainer Michael Ferraro tightened the girth on the six-year-old in Saratoga's paddock on August 1, even bettors looked down their noses at Fio Rito, who was 10.20-to-1, the fifth choice in a field of eight. It would be their loss.

Jockey Leslie Hulet sent the gray horse to the lead immediately, and Fio Rito turned back Paul Mellon's 3-to-2 fa-

vorite Winter's Tale at the finish line to win by a neck. Behind them were a pantheon of New York racing, horses owned by Viola Sommer, Ogden Phipps, Calumet Farm, and Locust Hill Farm.

The 1981 Whitney was a historic moment for New York breeding, its first state-bred Grade 1

winner. Since then, New York breeding has grown and prospered. It had its first Kentucky Derby (G1) winner, three-year-old champion male Funny Cide, in 2003, and the program had a banner year in 2010 with four individuals winning top-ranked

races, three Grade 1 races in New York and a Group 1 race in Japan. (See story on stakes success on page 19).

New York breeding has come a long way over nearly four decades, since the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund was established in 1973. The future of the program glows brightly on the near horizon with the prospect of video lottery terminals (VLTs) at Aqueduct beginning to fire up both purse money and breeder awards in 2011 and beyond.

Top program

Even before new money arrives, New York has one of the strongest

programs for state-bred runners in North America, if not the strongest. Based on total commitments to state-breds in purses, incentives, and awards last year, New York ranked second at \$46-million, approximately \$1-million behind Louisiana, which now benefits from slot machines at all its Thoroughbred tracks.

But, inside the numbers, New York was the North American leader in several categories. It paid the most to purses for state-breds at \$36.2-million, which included owner supplements for New York-breds that won in open company. Louisiana's state-bred purses were a close second at \$36-million.

New York-breds had more stakes races, 72 to 58 in Louisiana, and more money in those races, \$6.3-million versus Louisiana's \$5.4-million. While Louisiana offered more state-bred races, 1,390 to 910 in New York, the Empire State's program compared favorably to California's 267 races and 136 in Pennsylvania.

To be sure, state-bred races continue to be a subject of debate in jurisdictions outside New York. Kentucky breeders, who certainly have an economic interest in the question, belittle state-bred racing programs as promoting substandard horses and bloodlines. Pennsylvania breeders and horsemen are engaged in

NEW YORK THOROUGHBRED TRACKS



New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund breeding fund disbursements, 2000-2009

	Breeder	Stallion	Open company
Year	awards	awards	owner awards
2009	\$6,300,452	\$2,370,035	\$1,107,667
2008	6,817,331	2,213,774	1,388,649
2007	7,474,838	2,629,828	1,340,363
2006	7,905,269	2,592,781	1,372,430
2005	7,766,065	2,451,903	1,424,780
2004	7,148,284	2,217,057	1,145,343
2003	6,532,919	1,984,053	1,273,002
2002	6,496,055	1,919,812	1,311,678
2001	6,336,790	1,799,552	1,458,310
2000	6,041,530	1,663,546	1,339,376

a debate over whether to expand its program of state-bred overnight races, which like New York would be paid from horsemen's share of pari-mutuel and gaming revenues. Maryland, which has not had a state-bred race other than stakes since 1981, is taking a tentative first look at state-bred overnight races for its troubled program.

New York provides ample evidence that state-bred programs work—for the benefit of breeders, horsemen, racetracks, and the breed. But it does not happen overnight or without a lot of investment and effort over many years. New York has had all of these factors

in its favor, and in the past decade it has begun to reap the benefits of its program.

Certainly, longevity is a factor. The development fund has been in business since 1973, and those nearly 40 years have allowed the program to grow and mature. Its incentives, for racehorse owners, breeders, and stallion owners, provide the wherewithal to keep farms in business and investing for future growth.

Another factor is the sheer size of the New York racing program. It is large in terms of horses on the track, the number of races available to those horses, and the money going into those races.

Investor confidence

The economics of New York-breds keep horsemen coming back to the program. With economic success, owners and breeders invest for the long haul. The overall consistency of the program encourages investor confidence that the program will be around





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CRAFTY FRIEND—ISLAND QUEEN, BY OGYGIAN

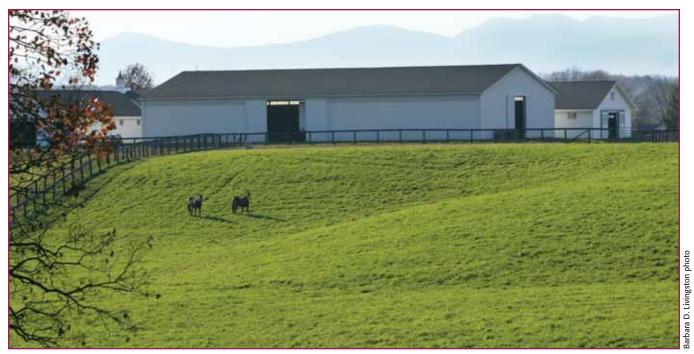
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The influx of alternative gaming money into New York gets the attention of prominent breeders from all over the country, including Adena Springs and Vinery, which will stand significant numbers of stallions in the state in 2011

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for a long time. And, with VLT money on the horizon, the benefits will surely grow larger.

Certainly, the New York-breds pay off at the track. The development fund said that New York-breds earned more than \$82-million in purses last year while racing in state-bred races, domestic open races, and international races.

"Despite a decline in the pari-mutuel wagering handle nationally, the breeding business in our state remains a vibrant one," said John D. Sabini, chairman of the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corp., which administers the program. Sabini also serves as chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board.

A former Democratic state senator from Queens, Sabini noted in the fund's 2009 annual report that the breeding industry protects open space, a benefit to all New Yorkers, and the fund itself supports equine research and humane treatment of horses.

But the biggest benefits to horsemen over the years have been purse money from state-bred races. Of that \$36.2-million total, \$29.9-million went to races at NYRA's three tracks, and the remainder to Finger Lakes.

New York-breds were major players at both tracks. Of 30,148 total starts made by horses at NYRA tracks and Finger Lakes last year, New York-breds made 17,253 of them, or 57.2% of all starts.

NYRA racing has an international audience, and as a result the role of New York-breds in its racing program is sometimes underestimated.

In fact, New York-breds are a significant part of the overall NYRA program. Last year, 1,852 New York-breds started at the NYRA tracks, or 35.5% of all individual starters. The New York-breds accounted for 8,657 starts, or 46.3% of all starts.

Thus, the New York-breds were supporting the racing program by making more starts in the year than other members of the New York backstretch. Overall, average starts per horse were 3.6, and New York-breds averaged one additional start in 2009.

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Those New York-breds earned \$38.2-million at the NYRA tracks from total 2009 purses of \$112.6-million, or 33.9% of available purse money. The discrepancy between the New York-breds' numbers and the purse money is a result of the large amounts

of stakes money paid out in open company at all three NYRA racetracks.

When the stakes money is taken out of the calculations, New York-breds actually have a higher average purse per race than the program as a whole. (For examples from the 2010 seasons at Aqueduct and Saratoga Race Course, see "Proof is in the purse numbers" on page 17.)

NYRA's tracks staged 720 state-bred races last year, exactly equal to the number of races run in Aqueduct's winter-spring meeting, the longest on NYRA's annual calendar. In all, NYRA's starting gates opened 2,351 times, and New York-bred races were 30.6% of the total.

New York-breds contest 72 restricted stakes races in 2009, including the rich Empire Classic Stakes on the New York Showcase program in October at Belmont Park



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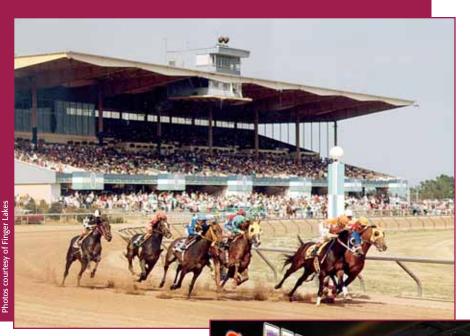
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New York-breds compete almost exclusively against each other at Finger Lakes in western New York, which has made great strides to its racing program since alternative gaming arrived in 2004

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NYRA's state-bred races paid total purses of \$29.9-million last year, and the average purse was \$41,128, which was almost double the North

American average purse of \$21,695. That is a lot of racing, and a lot of money flowing into horsemen's pockets.

Interestingly, Finger Lakes had 202 state-bred races in 2009, less than one-third of NYRA's total and only 13.7% of the track's 1,471 races last year. Again, the numbers are deceiving. In fact, Finger Lakes is the undisputed home of the New York-bred. It does not need to stage many restricted races because so many of its runners are state-breds. To an extent, every race at Finger Lakes is for New York-breds.

Statistics compiled by the development fund show how important the state-breds are to Finger Lakes' racing program. Of the 1,939 individual starters at the western New York track last year, 1,381 were New York-breds. That is 71.2% of all starters.

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In some open races, it is not unusual for all the top finishers to be New York-breds.

The New York-breds made 8,596 starts in the 2009 season, or just over three-quarters (75.1%) of the track's 11,453 total starts. Thus, New York-breds averaged 6.2 starts over the eight-month Finger Lakes season, compared with 5.9 starts for the overall Finger Lakes backstretch population.

They also were winning the track's higher-level races. Their Finger Lakes earnings totaled \$15,368,727, or 76.9% of purses totaling \$19,977,908.

Finger Lakes' purses have been rising since VLTs arrived in 2004, and purses have risen with gaming revenues. New York-breds certainly have shared the in-

creased wealth. Finger Lakes paid an average purse of \$13,581 last year, and the development fund reported that New York-breds raced for an average purse of \$28,599 in restricted races, or more than double the overall average.

Breeders and stallions

Money going into the pockets of owners is vitally important to the health of the industry, but also important are incentives for breeders and stallion owners. The development fund operates with an annual budget of approximately \$12.6-million, derived from of a small per-

centage of the wagering handle and a sliver of Finger Lakes' VLT action.

Half its revenues now go into breeder awards, which totaled \$6.3-million last year. Currently, breeder awards are paid to third place. In all, 817 individual breeders split the breeder bounty last year, for an average of \$7,712 per breeder.

Also benefiting from the development program are stallion owners, who received 18.8% of the total budget in 2009. Those awards, also paid to third place, totaled \$2,370,035 and were paid to 152 recipients.

For anyone wanting to look at state-bred incentive efforts dispassionately, New York's program works. It provides horses bred in the state with restricted races that pay well, and it rewards those horses that win in open company.

Those incentives, which are the heart of the overall program, keep owners coming back. They also have contributed to creating a large population of quality New York-breds who fill races at the state's tracks. Racing secretaries draw on that population frequently to fill races in a region where it is sometimes difficult to fill pari-mutuel fields.

Breeders and stallion owners also reap rewards from the program in the form of incentive payments from the development fund. In short, the program has been crafted to offer something to all stakeholders, and the result has been one of the most successful state-bred programs in the country.

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Proof is in the purse numbers

New York-breds run for big money, as shown by 2010 purses at Aqueduct and Saratoga

BY DON CLIPPINGER

N BUSINESS, in sports, and in breeding, the proof is in the numbers. Thoroughbred racing and breeding in particular look for strength in numbers, and New York-breds certainly do well by just about any measure of economic pro-

To be sure, the native New Yorkers have an advantage because many of them run at New York Racing Association tracks, where purses are among the highest in North America from January through December. Finger Lakes racetrack in western New York, whose purse structure has grown with the arrival of video lottery terminals (VLTs), provides another profit center for New York-breds.

Native New Yorkers are a very large component of the open racing program at Finger Lakes, and they are very much equal players in the NYRA racing program, both in open races and in restricted races limited to New York-breds. Very important signs of their competitiveness were Grade 1 victories by three New York-breds at NYRA tracks this year.

Day in and day out, the New York-breds show up, they contribute to a competitive racing program, and they are paid very well by North American standards.

They are a significant part of New York racing, and they are by no means a second tier in the program. They are paid

competitively with the openrace runners in the NYRA program.

An exclusive analysis of two 2010 race meetings, Aqueduct and Saratoga Race Course, illustrates how integral New Yorkbreds are to the overall NYRA racing program.

They represent NYRA racing from the depth of winter on Jamaica Bay to the warmth of Saratoga Springs breezes. They also represent a lot of money. The Aqueduct purses for New York-breds totaled more than \$8.2-million, and Saratoga paid out almost \$4-million.

That is a lot of money, and the importance of New Yorkbreds to the racing and wager-

Aqueduct offers the highest purses east of the Mississippi River during the winter months, including an average of more than \$31,000 during the winterspring meeting in 2010

ing product is consistent from winter to summer.

Aqueduct in winter

Contrary to com-

mon opinion, Aqueduct always has been a great place to race in the winter and first half of the spring. Certainly, the breezes can be chilly in Queens, but the money always has warmed those who stick it out through the winter months. In most years, Aqueduct's purses are the highest east of the Mississippi River, and they will certainly hold that position when revenue from VLTs begins to supplement purses in 2011.

New York-breds constitute an important

component of the winter-spring schedule. Of 681 races, 267 were restricted to New York-breds. That is 39.2%, or nearly two

Saratoga Race Course, unquestionably North America's premier racing venue, offers plenty of opportunities for New York-breds during its marquee summer meeting



of every five races. Moreover, the native New Yorkers show up in quantity for their races. The overall average field was 7.5 starters per race, while the New York-bred races averaged 8.1 starters. In short, the New Yorkers showed up, which is an important factor in promoting larger parimutuel pools.

Last year, the average North American purse was \$21,695, and in all likelihood the comparable figure for 2010 will be down somewhat less than 5% because of a combination of lower total purses, down 5.9% through October, and fewer opportunities,

> with 7.8% fewer racing dates through October.

> For all races at Aqueduct, the average purse was \$31,719 for the 75-date meet from January 1 through April 25 of this year. Thus, the average Aqueduct race was worth more than \$10,000 each than the North American

> New York-breds raced for an average purse of \$30,793 in that period, which was more than \$9,000 ahead of the 2009 North American average. But, before concluding that the New Yorkers were being shorted, a deeper look into the numbers is worthwhile. In fact, in the very im-

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portant measure of overnight purses, the New York-breds actually come out on top.

Of all NYRA race meets, the Aqueduct winter-spring season has the least reliance on stakes purses, but those races nonetheless are an important component of the overall picture. Aqueduct's stakes schedule of 42 races averaged \$102,085 per race, which was 6.2% of all races and 19.8% of all purses.

New York-breds had a relatively small piece of the overall stakes program. Its ten stakes races were 3.7% of all races, and the average pot was \$61,500. Removing all the stakes money shows that, except for that category, the New York-bred races were being paid comparably to open races.

The meet's average purse for all non-stakes races was \$27,094, while the New York-breds averaged \$29,598. One other reason for the higher average purse was a concentration of money in higher-level races. For instance, open claimers accounted for 37.2% of all races and averaged \$18,700. New York-bred open claimers were 21.3% of all races and averaged \$19,309.

Still, NYRA Director of Racing P. J. Campo's condition books placed plenty of emphasis on creating New York-bred winners. New York-breds filled 56 of 90 total maiden special weight races, and they occupied 71 of the 133 total maiden-claiming races.

In all, maiden races were 47.6% of the New York-bred rac-

ing program, and they filled well. The restricted maiden claimers averaged 8.7 starters per race, and the maiden special weights averaged 8.4 starters.

The condition books had plenty of opportunities for more accomplished New York-breds, especially those four and older. Allowance races and optional claimers accounted for more than one-quarter of all races, with the allowances averaging \$41,660 and the optional claimers \$42,679.

On to Saratoga

Although Aqueduct can be nippy when the winds sweep off the nearby waters, the comfortable breezes of spring waft the promise of warmer days ahead. Saratoga

Aqueduct

Statistics cover 75 days, from January 1 through April 25, 2010

	No.	Avg. no.	Pct.	Avg.	Pct.
Class of race	races	rnrs/race	total races	purse/race	purses
Maiden	90	7.7	13.2%	\$ 39,900	16.6%
Optional claiming	60	6.7	8.8%	43,516	12.1%
Non-claiming/Other	38	6.6	5.6%	36,775	6.5%
Allowance	65	7.5	9.5%	41,731	12.6%
Stakes	42	5.9	6.2%	102,085	19.8%
Claiming	253	7.7	37.2%	18,700	21.9%
Maiden claiming	133	8.2	19.5%	17,070	10.5%
TOTAL	681	7.5	100.0%	\$ 31.719	100.0%

New York-breds at the 2010 Aqueduct winter-spring meet

	No.	Avg. no.	Pct.	Avg.	Pct.
Class of race	races	rnrs/race	total races	purse/race	purses
Maiden	56	8.4	21.0%	\$39,639	27.0%
Optional claiming	28	7.5	10.5%	42,679	14.5%
Non-claiming/Other	2	6.5	0.7%	40,000	1.0%
Allowance	43	8.2	16.1%	41,660	21.8%
Stakes	10	6.2	3.7%	61,500	7.5%
Claiming	57	7.9	21.3%	19,309	13.4%
Maiden claiming	71	8.7	26.6%	17,183	14.8%
TOTAL	267	8.1	100.0%	\$30,793	100.0%

Saratoga Race Course

Statistics cover 40 days, from July 23 through September 6, 2010

	No.	Avg. no.	Pct.	Avg.	Pct.
Class of race	races	rnrs/race	total races	purse/race	purses
Maiden	97	9	24.6%	\$ 47,264	18.5%
Optional claiming	40	7.9	10.1%	52,022	8.4%
Non-claiming/Other	10	7.6	2.5%	47,800	1.9%
Allowance	40	8.8	10.1%	49,220	7.9%
Stakes	70	7.5	17.7%	171,861	48.4%
Claiming	83	8.7	21.0%	28,137	9.4%
Maiden claiming	55	8.7	13.9%	24,670	5.5%
TOTAL	395	8.4	100.0%	\$ 62,873	100.0%

New York-breds at the 2010 Saratoga Race Course meet

	No.	Avg. no.	Pct.	Avg.	Pct.
Class of race	races	rnrs/race	total races	purse/race	purses
Maiden	38	8.9	42.7%	\$41,374	39.4%
Optional claiming	11	9.1	12.4%	44,273	12.2%
Allowance	17	9	19.1%	43,553	18.5%
Stakes	12	6.8	13.5%	77,500	23.3%
Total non-claiming	78	8.45	87.6%	47,815	93.4%
Maiden claiming					
\$15,000-24,999	7	10.1	7.9%	20,857	3.7%
\$50,000-74,999	4	8.5	4.5%	29,000	2.9%
Total claiming	11	9.5	12.4%	23,818	6.6%
TOTAL	89	8.8	100.0%	\$44,849	100.0%

is the fulfillment of the promise, with its cool mornings and temperate days. For nearly a century and a half, Saratoga has been the place to go for Adirondack afternoons of top-level racing.

To this day, Saratoga remains synonymous with some of the best racing North America has to offer, and it is the place where more than a few stars of the future make their debuts.

In many ways, New York-breds are full partners in the traditions of Saratoga, and they have been a part of Saratoga's reputation as the graveyard of favorites. After all, it was Fio Rito, fresh from Finger Lakes, who vanquished Winter's Tale in the 1981 Whitney Handicap (G1). It was the first

Grade 1 victory by a New Yorkbred, and many more have occurred since then, including the three Grade 1 wins and a Japanese Group 1 score this year.

Saratoga is stakes racing—nearly half of all purses this past season—and so much more. The meet staged 89 races restricted to New York-breds out of 395 total races, or 22.5% of all races.

As always, New York-breds had a hand in keeping the races full. The meet averaged 8.4 starters per contest, while the restricted New York-bred races averaged 8.8 starters.

Overall, the meet's purses averaged a gaudy \$62,873 per race, a number that is almost certain to increase considerably in 2011 when the VLT money kicks in. The New York-breds averaged \$44,849, which was more than double the 2009 North American average.

Stakes races accounted for the considerable difference between the overall purse average and the average New York-bred pot. While stakes races were almost half of all purses, they were less than one-quarter of all New York-bred purses.

With the stakes money removed from the calculations, the New York-breds have a slight advantage, \$39,760 per race compared with the overall average of \$39,399 for overnight races.

The Saratoga races clearly were concentrated in the high end of the condition book. Only 11 maiden claimers were carded for New York-breds, and they averaged \$23,818 per race with an average of 9.5 starters per race.

Maiden special weights accounted for 42.7% of New York-bred races, and they averaged \$41,374, with average fields of 8.9 starters per race. With so few claiming races, allowance and optional claiming races were a big part of the Saratoga program for New York-breds, accounting for more than 30% of all races.

In winter or in summer, New York-breds are an important part of the NYRA racing program, and they are likely to continue to play a significant role when the VLTs begin to beef up purses.

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Four score

New York-breds leave mark on highest levels of racing in 2010

BY FRANK ANGST

HOSE INTERESTED in an arduous task would find it extremely difficult to determine the racing highlight for a New York-bred in 2010.

The assignment would prove hard because of the wealth of success at the highest levels in 2010 enjoyed by Thoroughbreds bred in the Empire State.

Perhaps it would be Franny Freud closing her career with a 13/4-length victory in the Prioress Stakes (G1) for three-year-old fillies at Belmont Park to extend her win streak to four races. An ankle injury forced the retirement of the Freud filly, but she certainly left her mark as one of the country's top female sprinters this season.

"I'm very happy for her; I'm very happy for everyone," said trainer John Terranova, who trained Franny Freud for owners Paul Pompa Jr., Stephen Yarbrough, and breeder Anthony Grey's Winter Park Partners, after the Prioress. "I know how good she is and I'm glad she got the Grade 1 under her belt, because she deserves it."

After winning eight of 11 races and earning \$686,029 in two seasons, Franny Freud was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida for \$560,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November selected mixed sale.

As if grabbing the divisional baton following Franny Freud's injury, New Yorkbred Rightly So posted a four-length victory



Franny Freud secures first of four Group 1 or Grade 1 victories in 2010 for New York-breds with Prioress Stakes victory

in the Ballerina Stakes (G1) for older females in late August at Saratoga Race Course. The daughter of Read the Footnotes was the morning-line favorite for the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1) but was a veterinarian scratch on the morning of the race.

"It was just a fantastic performance,"

trainer Anthony Dutrow said after Rightly So won the Ballerina. "She's a filly who is capable of running fast the entire race. She outdid herself today. She's been an overachiever and once again she raised her game to the top."

Campaigned by Ahmed Zayat's Zayat Stables, Rightly So won seven of 11 starts and earned \$480,050. She was sold at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November selected mixed sale, going for \$600,000 to Patinack Farm.

Leading males

Another in the running for the top moment by a New York-bred would be Haynesfield's gate-to-wire victory in the Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes (G1), defeating eventual Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Blame by four lengths. Trained by Steve Asmussen for Turtle Bird Stable, Haynesfield just missed a second Grade 1 victory when he finished second, a head behind Jersey Town, in the Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile Handicap (G1) on November 27 at Aqueduct.

After winning the Jockey Club Gold Cup, jockey Ramon Dominguez said Haynesfield raced within himself throughout that 11/4-mile race.

For international fans, A Shin Forward's



Haynesfield upsets eventual Breeders' Cup Classic winner Blame in Jockey Club Gold Cup

GRADE 1 OR GROUP 1 WINS BY NEW YORK-BREDS

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	Year	Stakes	Track	Winner	Year	Stakes	Track	Winner
	2010	Jockey Club Gold Cup S.	Belmont Park	Haynesfield	1993	Ruffian H.	Belmont	Shared Interest
	2010	Ballerina S.	Saratoga	Rightly So	1992	Beldame S.	Belmont	Saratoga Dew
	2010	Prioress S.	Belmont	Franny Freud	1992	Gazelle H.	Belmont	Saratoga Dew
	2010	Mile Championship	Kyoto	A Shin Forward	1992	Travers S.	Saratoga	Thunder Rumble
	2008	Whitney H.	Saratoga	Commentator	1991	Spinaway S.	Saratoga	Miss Iron Smoke
	2008	Carter H.	Aqueduct	Bustin Stones	1991	Irish Two Thousand Guineas	Curragh	Fourstars Allstar
	2006	Beldame S.	Belmont	Fleet Indian	1988	Selima S.	Laurel	Capades
	2006	Personal Ensign S.	Saratoga	Fleet Indian	1987	Oak Tree Invitational H.	Santa Anita	Allez Milord
	2006	Santa Monica H.	Santa Ānita	Behaving Badly	1987	Arlington-Washington Lassie S.	Arlington	Joe's Tammie
	2005	Whitney H.	Saratoga	Commentator	1987	Acorn S.	Belmont	Grecian Flight
	2005	Prioress S.	Belmont	Acey Deucey	1987	Kentucky Oaks	Churchill	Buryyourbelief
	2004	Jockey Club Gold Cup S.	Belmont	Funny Cide	1985	Man o' War S.	Belmont	Win
	2004	Florida Derby	Gulfstream	Friends Lake	1985	Top Flight H.	Aqueduct	Flip's Pleausre
	2003	Gazelle H.	Belmont	Buy the Sport	1984	Manhattan H.	Belmont	Win
	2003	Sword Dancer Invitational H.	Saratoga	Whitmore's Conn	1984	American Derby	Arlington	At the Threshold
	2003	Preakness S.	Pimlico	Funny Cide	1984	Arlington Classic	Arlington	At the Threshold
	2003	Kentucky Derby	Churchill Downs		1983	Meadowlands Cup	Meadowlands	Slewpy
	2002	Prioress S.	Belmont	Carson Hollow	1982	Young America S.	Meadowlands	Slewpy
	2001	Hempstead H.	Belmont	Critical Eye	1982	Man o' War S.	Belmont	Naskra's Breeze
	2000	Gazelle H.	Belmont	Critical Eye	1982	United Nations H.	Atlantic City	Naskra's Breeze
	1999	Spinaway S.	Saratoga	Circle of Life	1982	Mother Goose S.	Belmont	Cupecoy's Joy
	1998	Hopeful S.	Saratoga	Lucky Roberto	1982	Acorn S.	Belmont	Cupecoy's Joy
	1997	Strub S.	Santa Anita	Victory Speech	1981	Whitney H.	Saratoga	Fio Rito
	1995	Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S.	Keeneland	Perfect Arc				
	Source: Equibase Co.							

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neck victory in the Mile Championship (Jpn-G1) on November 21 at Kyoto Race-course could get the nod. Purchased by Hirotsugu Hirai at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training, A Shin Forward has raced exclusively in Japan, where he has earned \$3,302,052.

In all, New York breeders boast four Grade 1 or Group 1 winners in 2010 (through December 1).

Becky Thomas, managing member of Sequel Stallions New York, said this year's group of Grade 1 or Group 1 winners was special because two horses she has ties with are by New York stallions. Franny Freud is by Freud and Rightly So is by Read the Footnotes. Both stallions stand at Sequel Stallions New York at Hidden Lake Farm, and Sequel 2003 is the breeder of Rightly So.

"Of course we had Fleet Indian and she

won two Grade 1s and earned champion honors," Thomas said of the 2006 champion older female by Kentucky-based sire Indian Charlie. Thomas and Lewis Lakin are the breeders of Fleet Indian.

"The difference with these two is that they are New York through and through," Thomas said. "A lot of the previous New York-breds are horses that were bred in Kentucky and foaled in New York."

Thomas hopes New York can build on the success.

"It's very exciting," Thomas said, explaining that she hopes New York breeders support New York stallions. "It's a difficult time to be breeding Thoroughbreds, but we hope people see the kind of success that's possible in New York. We'd love to see these stallions get more opportunities with some better mares."

String of success

The 2010 season adds to a strong run by New York-breds in recent years.

Rightly So, inside, powers to victory in Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga Race Course Beginning with Fio Rito's victory in the 1981 Whitney Handicap (G1) at Saratoga Race Course, New York-breds have secured 47 Grade 1 or Group 1 wins. Included in that group are classic winners Funny Cide, winner of the 2003 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1); and Fourstars AllStar, winner of the 1991 Airlie Coolmore Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1).

Funny Cide leads all New York-breds with three Grade 1 wins as the Distorted Humor gelding also won the 2004 Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes at Belmont Park.

Other New York-breds with multiple Grade 1 wins include Commentator, winner of the 2008 and 2005 editions of the Whitney Handicap; champion Fleet Indian, winner of the Beldame Stakes and Personal Ensign Stakes in 2006; and champion Saratoga Dew, winner of the Beldame and Gazelle Handicap in 1992.

Belmont Park has been the site of the most Grade 1 wins by New York-breds at 18, followed by Saratoga Race Course with ten. Thirty of the Grade 1 wins by New York-breds have come in the Empire State while 15 have come out of state. Two have been secured outside of North America.

Besides Belmont and Saratoga, New York-breds have won Grade 1 races at Aqueduct, Arlington Park, Atlantic City Race Course, Churchill Downs, Gulfstream Park, Keeneland Race Course, Laurel Park, the Meadowlands, Pimlico Race Course, and Santa Anita Park. New York-breds have won three Grade 1 races at both Arlington and Santa Anita. ®

Frank Angst is senior writer of Thoroughbred Times.

On the bulwarks in New York

Jeffrey Cannizzo has been an activist in defending New York Thoroughbred Breeders interests

third-generation New York horseman, Jeffrey A. Cannizzo has been standing up for the state's Thoroughbred interests as executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. In many ways, it has been a big, challenging job.

He is not the sort to go looking for trouble, but he also is not afraid to fight for what he believes is right. A member of Thoroughbred Times' inaugural "40 under 40" feature that profiled industry leaders under the age of 40, Cannizzo credited that personal characteristic to a long-ago encounter with a bully in elementary school. He grew up in western New York, where his father continues to train at Finger Lakes racetrack.

After a varied business career, Cannizzo accepted the NYTB post in July 2008. Since then, he has advocated for the industry in New York's complex political environment and has publicly pressured government to do the right thing for its Thoroughbred agricultural interests and its horsemen, chiefly by moving ahead with video lottery terminals (VLTs) at Aqueduct.

Cannizzo, 31, reviewed some of the issues that New York breeders have encountered and the challenges that they will confront in an interview with Don Clippinger, contributing editor of Thoroughbred Times.

THOROUGHBRED TIMES: You've been executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders for $2^{1}/_{2}$ years now, and they have been very interesting times, to say the least. What do you regard as your biggest accomplishment in that time?

Jeffrey Cannizzo: The last few years have been challenging to everyone involved in all jurisdictions and segments of this industry. We've seen downward trends, economic disasters, political nightmares, loss of interest, and departures from this industry. All of which have put those involved in extremely taxing situations.

I tend to look toward the future, and I believe the biggest accomplishment will be taking lessons learned over the last decade and revitalizing this game we all love. Simply put, our biggest accomplishments are in front of us. I think we all need

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to keep looking forward and fixing the broken pillars of this industry one leg at a time

I am particularly proud of the unification and partnerships that we've built over the last few years in New York between the Thoroughbred tracks, horsemen, and breeders. We are all in this together as it's an industry built on relationships. This will be the key to addressing our national problems going forward: collaboration and unification across state lines.

TT: What has caused you the most frustration, and how have you attacked that issue?

Cannizzo: Politics—you have to deal with it and hate it twice as much. Our industry's state-by-state regulation has caused us to be deregulated nationally. Because of the nature of gambling, state control determines how we function, and we are dependent upon them to make changes, rules, and our future laws. This is the rea-

son why we will never be the National Football League.

However, we attack this via education. We educate our legislative leaders and government affiliates on the backbone of our industry, people, jobs, and agriculture. The problem: They rotate in and out of office quickly. Therefore, there is a constant need for re-education. We need to educate on a much larger scale and do it with more influence by showing economically what the shortfalls have done to our industry and what its future holds if we cannot sustain ourselves or unite nationally.

TT: You have been very much the activist, always out front and on the bulwarks for the NYTB and its members. What shaped your approach to your position?

Cannizzo: Passion drives us all. It's why we do the things we love. I think that can be said about every single person who's invested in this sport one way or another. No one wants the Thoroughbred industry to fail. We all care deeply and know what the problems are.

However, we have not done a very good job at creating change. I have a very good board of directors who all are activists themselves. They've allowed me to help

drive change and creatively tackle obstacles.

TT: Do you believe New York-bred races and purses will keep pace with the projected growth in NYRA purses? Will New York-breds continue to be as important part of the NYRA racing program as they are now?

Cannizzo: The economics of the racetrack are no different than any other business model; it's based on supply and demand. The horses on the grounds occupy the race conditions and cards that are filled.

In New York, our foal crops have supplied much of the racing product for [the New York Racing Association]. In our case, a third of all NYRA races are restricted to New York-breds. Therefore, restricted racing equates to one-third of the purse structure. NYRA's franchise agreement calls for a minimum of 600 New York-bred races per year for the next 25 years.

Since 2004, NYRA has been well above that mark due to supply. Therefore you can expect to see future conditions and purses guided along the same path as the foal crop size. New York-breds will continue to be an important part of New York racing.

TT: Looking ahead, how do you believe VLT revenues will affect the New York breeding industry in the next two or three years?

Cannizzo: VLT revenue has and will affect all of the industry. Just as it has supplemented purses and incentives in other

states, it will do so here in New York. Being lucrative is a very important component for someone in our industry now. It will be very lucrative to be invested in New York. So many people are going out of business in our industry now.

This should create a profitable avenue for those involved. If a New York-bred has a minimum earning potential of \$200,000 from four restricted conditions, that changes the game for those involved. Add in the incentives from owner and breeder awards, that foal just became very lucrative with great earning opportunity.

This could change the commercial marketplace for New York-breds based on the added value of racing in New York. Additionally our foal crop size will grow, and the quality of the broodmares in this state will rise. When the broodmare population changes in this state, the stallion roster will accompany it.

TT: And what will the industry look like five years and ten years from now? Do you envision a day when New York breeding is second only to Kentucky in terms of mares bred and live foals?

Cannizzo: The industry is contracting; we know this and we must model ourselves based on this change. The commercial marketplace will be driven by quality, and I don't ever see that aspect changing again. The number of owners invested is vastly downsizing. Additionally, the average breeder cannot afford to race its foals.

Due to these facts, the national foal production numbers will contract year over year until it reaches a point of balance.

That balance is going to determine the number of racetracks, race meets, race conditions, and everything in between. All of which may be painful, but in the long term it will hopefully help create sustainability.

We are seeing mare population shifts to regional markets, but at the end of the day the horse population is changing along with it. New York will certainly grow, as next year will be our basement size for foal crop. It's easy to imagine us moving up the ladder in foal production, but it will be in equilibrium with the overall decline nationally.

TT: Two large commercial breeders, Adena Springs and Vinery, recently opened operations in New York. Is this a trend? Will New York breeding grow by attracting larger commercial breeders to develop satellite operations?

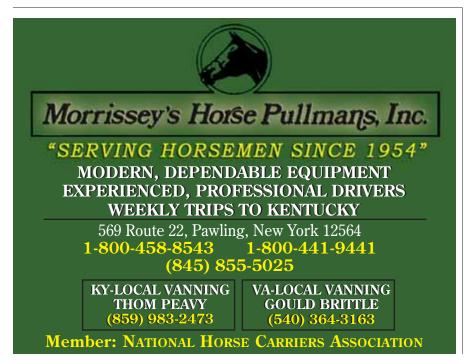
Cannizzo: Using my term from earlier, the potential to be lucrative with great opportunity most likely will interest many commercially driven operations. New York is going to change in the immediate three years ahead. I believe you will see other operations partnering and redistributing to New York. Once a pattern is established that demonstrates success, the rest will follow suit.

TT: What will be the biggest challenges for you and the NYTB over the next five years?

Cannizzo: At the national level, racing and breeding needs to adjust to the new supply and demand of our sport. Collectively we need to address the revenue model for the industry based on locale or wagering on- and off-track, collaborate across jurisdictions, consolidate resources and organizations, build a brand by marketing and promotion to attract new owners, and drive new horseplayers into wagering. We also need to address regulation issues and integrity, and we must invest in our facilities, product, and the overall experience.

At the state level, we've already seen problems states have had protecting VLT revenue to the industry. Some have seen it come and go already. Understanding that will allow us to better position ourselves on how to best utilize the revenue and protect our environment in the future.

Educating the legislative leaders on why our industry is important to the economic climate of the state is and will be vital. Additionally, restructuring, realigning, and streamlining the off-track wagering model in New York to be an internal revenue driver will be of great importance to all stakeholders.



Progress produces sire influx

Sensing opportunity, Adena Springs sends group of stallions, and Vinery expands in time for 2011 season

BY JEFF LOWE

ITHIN TWO months of the selection of an operator for expanded gaming at Aqueduct, two of North America's largest and most successful stallion operations selected New York as a new frontier for the 2011 breeding season.

Adena Springs, which received the Eclipse Award as outstanding breeder for a record sixth time in 2008, will have its first dedicated presence in the Empire State, basing five of its 21 stallions at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds.

Dr. Tom Simon's Vinery went even further, acquiring Empire Stud in Hudson, New York, after standing multiple graded stakes winner Posse there in 2010.

Purge, the 2005 Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile Handicap (G1) winner, will relocate from Vinery's Kentucky base and join Posse, new sire Justenuffhumor, and four existing New York stallions on the roster at the rechristened Vinery New York.

Posse sired 2009 champion sprinter Kodiak Kowboy during his time in Kentucky, and he was one of the most popular sires in New York in 2010, covering 86 mares. Vinery was already diversified beyond Kentucky, with a full-scale operation at Vinery Florida in Summerfield and two stallions in Louisiana under a lease arrangement with Elite Thoroughbreds.

"We sent Posse up there and we actually had a client that we break horses for call about a New York farm and that sort of triggered some of the discussion [of acquiring a farm in New York]," Vinery President Tom Ludt said. "We're always evaluating, but to go out and acquire a farm is not real high on the radar screen. With the slots program and standing Posse, and feeling like we do a good job running the farm in Florida, we're thinking we can do the same thing in New York and that it will be the next good regional market.

"We're excited about it. There's tremendous upside up there and the program is going to get better and better and hopefully you'll see more and more mares come there. It's important to send the right stallion, which we hope we've done. Posse and Kodiak Kowboy both did a lot in New York [in their racing careers], and Purge



Posse, sire of 2009 champion sprinter Kodiak Kowboy, covered 86 mares in 2010 and figures to be one of New York's most popular stallions again in 2011

did, too."

Vinery had previous ties with Empire Stud President Jamie LaMonica, who worked at the Lexington property as a stallion administrator when Simon bought the farm in 1999 and went out on his own in 2001. LaMonica will be part of the leadership of Vinery New York.

Ludt said Vinery shipped two mares to New York in late November and will consider sending more as breeding plans develop this winter. Vinery owns about 40 mares.

"From that perspective, everything has happened kind of quick," Ludt said. "We'll continue to assess, as we get into our matings, which ones make sense to go up there."

Purge, who will stand for \$5,000, returns to the state where he registered three graded stakes wins. In two crops of racing age, Purge has sired 77 winners from 147 starters who earned \$2,766,435 through November 30. His son Macias is a stakes winner on turf and on Santa Anita Park's synthetic surface.

Posse was North America's leading fresh-

man sire of 2007 with his first crop that included Kodiak Kowboy, who later won the 2009 Carter Handicap (G1), Vosburgh Stakes (G1), and Cigar Mile. A ten-year-old Silver Deputy stallion, Posse will stand for \$10,000 in 2011.

Adena expansion

Touch Gold, the 1997 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner, also will stand for \$10,000 as the marquee member of Adena Springs' new venture with McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds. Adena Springs continued to shuffle its stallion roster, which was spread between Kentucky and Ontario in 2010

Harlem Rocker, Silent Name (Jpn), Tiago, and 1996 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Alphabet Soup will join Touch Gold at Joe and Anne McMahon's farm, which is about five minutes from Saratoga Race Course.

"The breeding program in New York is going to get better, and we're going to be ahead of the curve," said Dermot Carty of

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Adena Springs. "At the present moment, Kentucky is kind of stagnant, but that doesn't mean it's going to be forever stagnant. We have to find the best opportunity for our stallions, and I think with the New York program, with the proper horse, we have the opportunity to take advantage of it. The breeders there will have the advantage of having the stallions there versus having to go to Kentucky and ship back and forth."

Multiple graded stakes winner Silent Name will be the only son of Sunday Silence at stud in New York. He stood the past two seasons at Gardiner Farms in Ontario, after starting out at Adena Springs Kentucky in 2008.

Harlem Rocker, a Canadian classic winner by Macho Uno who was disqualified from a victory in the 2008 Cigar Mile, will begin his stud career in 2011 for an advertised fee of \$3,500. Tiago, the 2007 Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner and third-place finisher in the Belmont, heads north after standing his first season in 2010 at Adena Springs Kentucky, alongside his half brother Giacomo, the 2005 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner.

"We have a vested interest in Kentucky, but we also have to look out for young stallions that are just starting out, and the older ones are kings up there, versus just another one in Kentucky," Carty said.

Beyond the Adena Springs infusion,

McMahon also will debut graded stakes winner Coal Play in 2011.

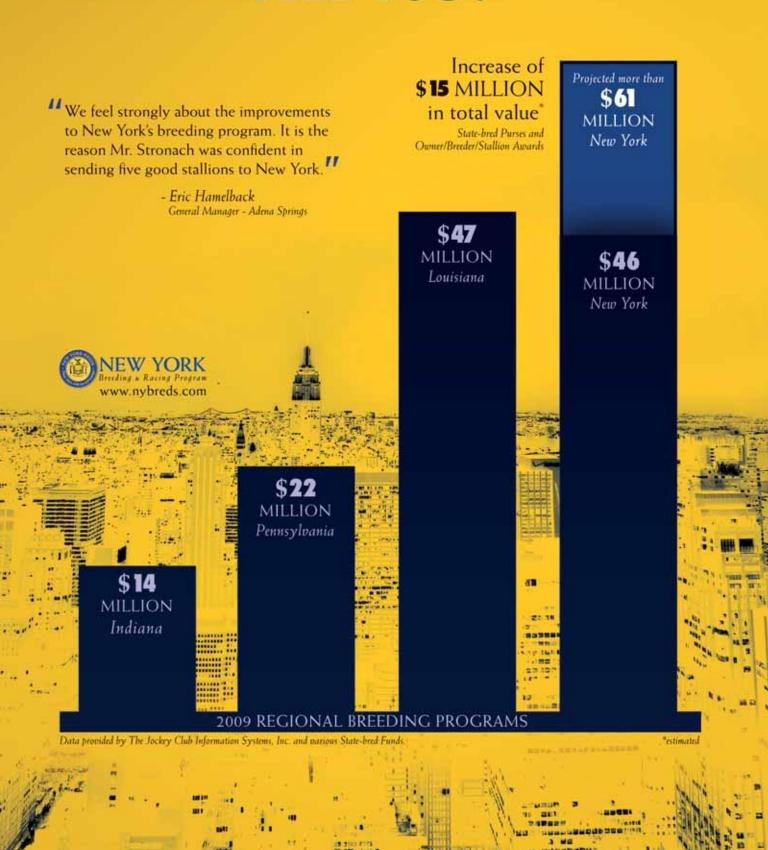
The five-year-old Mineshaft horse won the 2009 Salvator Mile Handicap (G3) at Monmouth Park and finished second to Big Brown there in the 2008 Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1). He will stand for \$4,000.

Other newcomers include 2008 Pattison Canadian International Stakes (Can-G1) winner Marsh Side, who will stand his first season in 2010 at Silvernails Farm in Pine Plains, and multiple stakes winner Malibu Moonshine, a first-year sire at Carlland Stables in Avon.

Jeff Lowe is a Thoroughbred Times staff writer.

	NEW YORK FARMS WITH TH	REE OR MORE STALL	IONS	
Stallion Andromeda's Hero Patriot Act Roaring Fever	Pedigree Fusaichi Pegasus—Marozia, by Storm Bird A.P. Indy—Classic Value, by Copelan Storm Cat—Pennant Fever, by Seattle Slew	Farm standing Dutchess Views Farm Dutchess Views Farm Dutchess Views Farm	Town Pine Plains Pine Plains Pine Plains	Stud fee \$2,500 4,000 3,500
Liberatedbyforce	Conquistador Cielo—Pledged, by Wavering Monarch	Foggy Bottom Farm	Geneseo	Private
Northern Spur (Ire)	Sadler's Wells—Fruition, by Reingold	Foggy Bottom Farm	Geneseo	Private
Skip to the Stone	Skip Trial—Winner's Ticket, by Jolie's Halo	Foggy Bottom Farm	Geneseo	Private
Slice of Reality	Proper Reality—Cushion Cut, by Raise a Man	Foggy Bottom Farm	Geneseo	Private
Congaree	Arazi—Mari's Sheba, by Mari's Book	Highcliff Farm	Delanson	7,500
Cosmonaut	Lemon Drop Kid—Cosmic Fire, by Capote	Highcliff Farm	Delanson	5,000
Key Contender	Fit to Fight—Key Witness, by Key to the Mint	Highcliff Farm	Delanson	Private
Stonesider	Giant's Causeway—Added Gold, by Gilded Time	Highcliff Farm	Delanson	3,000
Western Expression	Gone West—Tricky Game, by Majestic Light	Highcliff Farm	Delanson	5,000
El Provinciano (Per)	Chiquetete—Mi Chochera, by Vinicio	Highland Farm	Montgomery	Private
Preacherman	Deputy Minister—Corsage, by Native Royalty	Highland Farm	Montgomery	Private
Verbatim Run	Verbatim—Gentle Lyric, by Nashua	Highland Farm	Montgomery	Private
Captain Royale	Captain Clover—Jamies Jewel, by Castle Green	Juggernaut Farms	Stanfordville	Private
Gina's Roman	Roman Night—Gina's Clover, by Proctor		Stanfordville	Private
Jamie's Clover	Captain Clover—Jamies Jewel, by Castle Green		Stanfordville	Private
Roman Castle	Roman Clover—Jamies Jewel, by Castle Green		Stanfordville	Private
Roman Fantasy	Roman Clover—Jamies Jewel, by Castle Green		Stanfordville	Private
Roman Night	Roman Clover—Night Robin, by Robin's Song		Stanfordville	Private
Alphabet Soup	Cozzene—Illiterate, by Arts and Letters Storm Cat—Diamond City, by Mr. Prospector Mineshaft—Wiscasset, by Kris S. Macho Uno—Freedom Come, by Lit de Justice Sunday Silence—Danzigaway, by Danehill Pleasant Tap—Set Them Free, by Stop the Music Deputy Minister—Passing Mood, by Buckpasser Forty Niner—Dream Vision, by Northern Taste	McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	6,000
Catienus		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	5,000
Coal Play		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	4,000
Harlem Rocker		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	3,500
Silent Name (Jpn)		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	5,000
Tiago		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	5,000
Touch Gold		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	10,000
Utopia (Jpn)		McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Saratoga Springs	7,500
Freud	Storm Cat—Mariah's Storm, by Rahy	Sequel Stallions New York	Otisville	8,500
Hook and Ladder	Dixieland Band—Taianna, by Cox's Ridge	Sequel Stallions New York	Otisville	5,000
Noonmark	Unbridled's Song—In the Storm, by Storm Cat	Sequel Stallions New York	Otisville	6,000
Read the Footnotes	Smoke Glacken—Baydon Belle, by Al Nasr (Fr)	Sequel Stallions New York	Otisville	6,500
Friendly Island	Crafty Friend—Island Queen, by Ogygian Mr. Greeley—Ascot Starre, by Ascot Knight Storm Cat—Jewel Princess, by Key to the Mint Gone West—Performing Arts (Ire), by The Minstrel Cormorant—Raffinierte (Ire), by Surumu Dehere—Spinet, by Nureyev	Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	3,500
Greeley's Galaxy		Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	3,500
One Nice Cat		Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	3,500
Performing Magic		Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	5,000
Raffie's Majesty		Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	3,000
Stanislavsky		Sugar Maple Farm	Poughquag	2,500
Frost Giant Justenuffhumor Kensei Maybry's Boy Posse Purge Repent Silver Wagon	Giant's Causeway—Takesmybreathaway, by Gone West Distorted Humor—Justenuffheart, by Broad Brush Mr. Greeley—Private Feeling, by Belong to Me Broad Brush—Aly's Conquest, by Alydar Silver Deputy—Raska, by Rahy Pulpit—Copelan's Bid Gal, by Copelan Louis Quatorze—Baby Grace (Arg), by Cipayo Wagon Limit—So Ritzy, by Darn That Alarm	Vinery New York	Hudson Hudson Hudson Hudson Hudson Hudson Hudson Hudson	7,500 5,000 Private 2,500 10,000 5,000 5,000 6,500
Breathless Affair	Signal Tap—Just One Affair, by Ogygian	Waldorf Farm	North Chatham	Private
Bustin Stones	City Zip—Shesasurething, by Prospectors Gamble	Waldorf Farm	North Chatham	2,500
Unforgiven Affair	Go and Go (Ire)—Just One Affair, by Ogygian	Waldorf Farm	North Chatham	Private

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What is a New York-bred?

HE New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund was established in 1973 and has played a key role in shaping the Empire State's Thoroughbred industry. The Fund serves as the regulatory body of the New York breeding and racing program and distributes more than \$52-million annually in incentives, breeder awards, stallion awards, owner awards, and purses for New Yorkbred horses.

In addition to distributing awards, the Fund "maintains the registry of New Yorkbreds and participating New York-based stallions, establishes the criteria for entry into that registry, and ensures that state

statutes regarding the eligibility for registration of foals and stallions standing

NEW YORK FOAL PRODUCTION

Year	Foals	Year	Foals
2009	1,788	2003	2,183
2008	1,888	2002	1,968
2007	1,925	2001	1,985
2006	1,910	1995	1.237
2005	2,022	1995	1,231
2004	2 200	1002	1 //00

Source: New York Thoroughbred Breeding and

NEW YORK MARES BRED AND ACTIVE STALLIONS

	Mares	Active
Year	bred	stallions
2010	1,291	53
2009	1,606	84
2008	1,902	107
2007	2,007	113
2006	2,310	124
2005	2,477	134
2004	2,646	156
2003	2,749	159
2002	2,533	156
2001	2,274	136
1995	1,770	154
1991	2,305	236
Note: 2010 st	atistics are not comple	ote

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in the state are followed.

"Awards are available only to the breeders and owners of registered New York-breds or registered New York state-based stallions, and provide an excellent means of increasing the value and marketability of your Thoroughbred."

The New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund spells out the eligibility requirements on its website at www.nybredfund.com, and the process is relatively simple.

The rules effectively create two categories of mares: resident and nonresident. To become a registered New York-bred, the mare must foal in New York state and meet the domicile requirements below:

- · Resident mares: Must be continuously in residence in New York state from within 90 days after last cover in the year of conception, and thereafter remain in residence until foaling the following year, with no breed-back required.
- Non-resident mares: Must foal in New York state, be bred back to a registered New York-based stallion, and remain for a continuous period of 90 days after foaling.

The Development Fund also spells out rules for registered New York stallions, stating that:

"A stallion must be registered with the New York State-Bred Registry and must be (1) owned by a resident of this state and standing the entire stud season in this state, or (2) owned by a resident of another state but standing the entire stud season in this state and leased by a resident of this area for a term of not less than two years. Leases must be filed with the New York State-Bred Registry." 🏵

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