

# Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

**Cutting Horses.** A broken pelvis might spell the end of the road for most horses, but for Widows Intentions, a favorite mount of Austin Shepard, the injury was only a brief setback on the way to another championship season. Shepard rode the gelding to wins in the Open Classic Division at the NCHA Super Stakes and the Open Classic go-round at the Wateree CHA Maturity and Classic Show. The pair also claimed the 2006 Eastern National Championship. Shepard rode horses into eleven top-six spots in four classes at the Wateree event. Georgia Team Member **Flint River Mills** fuels the efforts of these high-level cutting horses.

**Harness Racing.** Many leading Standardbred trainers trust **Brooks Feed Store** in Ontario, Canada to give their equine athletes the nutrients and energy they need to race and win. Among the Brooks enthusiasts:

- Mark Steacy, trainer of Majestic Son, winner of the Canadian Breeders Championship: "I'm very happy with Phase III by KER and Brooks Performance Feeds. It's a nice clean sweet feed with just the right amount of protein."
- John Bax, who trained Oaklea Odessa and Oaklea Omega to a one-two finish in the OSS Final for three-year-old trotting fillies at Hiawatha Horse Park: "I feed both the pellet and the sweet feed form of Phase III. My horses love the taste, which helps them carry good flesh."
- Barry and Laurie Clarke, owners and trainers of Nobananas. As a five-year-old, the gelding set a new track record at London Fair Raceway, and won again at the same track just a week later. The trotter is fueled by Competition Plus and Flax Appeal, an omega-3 supplement. "Nobananas has lots of stamina, he finishes strong, and he recovers very quickly after a race."


**Quarter Horse Racing.** The incomparable stallion First Down Dash, standing at Vessels Stallion Farm, is the sire or grandsire of fourteen of the last 16 winners of the Grade I Ed Burke Memorial Futurity.

No Secrets Here, a son of First Down Dash, recently won the \$2 million All American Futurity, setting a stakes record at 440 yards by finishing in 20.886 seconds. The colt was bred

and raised at Vessels Stallion Farm. **Associated Feed**, a KER Team Member in California, supplies feed to the farm.

**World Equestrian Games.** This event last fall in Aachen, Germany brought together the very best international riders. They competed for gold, silver, and bronze medals in both team and individual competition in seven disciplines. U.S. riders on several teams chose **Pennfield Feeds** products to fuel their horses during the contest. In endurance, Meg Sleeper finished in twenty-second place out of 159 starters. Meg feeds EnduroEvent Ener-G. Pennfield customer Bezie Madden won the individual silver medal and helped the U.S. claim the team silver medal in show jumping. In eventing, of thirteen short-listed horses, all but two were prepped on Pennfield feeds. The Australians bested the U.S. by less than a point to earn the team bronze medal, and Aussie rider Clayton Fredericks won the individual silver. Sponsored riders Karen O'Connor and Kim Severson rode well for the U.S. but did not finish in the individual medals.

**Halter.** Donna Davis of Silver City, Alabama breeds young Quarter Horses and fits them for showing. Over the years, she's won several World Show championships and reserve championships. She had great plans for her outstanding filly Make No Exceptions, but after an initial period with a trainer, the young horse didn't show as well as anticipated at the World Show. Donna brought the filly home and called a veterinarian who diagnosed physisitis. Donna put the filly on stall rest and began to feed **Flint River Mills' Mare 'n' Foal Formula**, a feed designed to minimize the occurrence of developmental orthopedic disease and provide nutrients for optimal growth. "Within a week, this filly was much less shaky," Donna said, "and I was able to begin showing her a few months later." Donna has put all her young horses on the feed and has been pleased with the results. The champions in this story? A healthy young filly, and an owner who guarantees the best nutrition for her horses.

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates these talented horses, riders, and trainers, and wishes them continued success. 

# Fueling Champions Across The Globe

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates Ridley AgriProducts for providing feed to Lyndsay Park and David Hayes, trainer of Fields Of Omagh, who claimed victory in the Group 1 MVRC Cox Plate. The win is the nine-year-old gelding's swan song, as he has been retired from the racecourse.



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