

Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

Thoroughbred Racing. Lane's End Farm in central Kentucky stands some of the top-rated Thoroughbred stallions in the country including 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft. In his first crop of sales two-year-olds, Mineshaft (A.P. Indy-Prospectors Delite) led all two-year-old sales sires. His Stylist Talent filly sold for a sales-topping \$1,750,000, and another Mineshaft colt commanded the in-training sale's fourth-highest price at \$500,000. Lane's End stallions also sired winners of the Kentucky Oaks for the last three years: Summerly (Summer Squall) in 2005, Lemons Forever (Lemon Drop Kid) in 2006, and Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) in 2007. Lane's End counts on KER Team Member **Brumfield Feeds** to supply feed to its stallion barns.

Morgan Horses. Alyssa Wick guided Mirabel's Dartanyan to two impressive titles at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show. Exhibiting the versatility that is a hallmark of the breed, the gelding won the world champion junior exhibitor pleasure driving class as well as the world champion junior exhibitor English pleasure class. Mirabel's Dartanyan is owned by Hardwood Creek Farm, Inc. of Hugo, Minnesota. KER Team Member **Feed Mill Express** produces Assurance Ration Balancer (grass), Equity Blend, and Senior Blend feeds that keep this show horse in top condition.

International Competition. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil hosted the Pan American Games in July, and KER's Team Member **Equimix Ltda.** manufactured feed for the horses on the U.S.A. team as well as some of the Canadian horses. Christopher Hickey and Lauren Sammis claimed the dressage gold and silver medals for the U.S.A. In eventing, all three individual medals went to the U.S.A. (Karen O'Connor, Phillip Dutton, and Gina Miles). The team gold medals in dressage and eventing also went to the U.S.A., with Canada claiming team silvers and Brazil winning the bronze in both disciplines. Brazil took top honors in team show jumping followed by the Canadian and U.S.A. teams. Canada's Jill Henselwood and Eric Lamaze won individual gold and bronze in show jumping, with Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa claiming the silver individual medal. *To read more about the role played by KER and its Team Members in providing feed for the Pan Am Games, see the associated article beginning on page 3 of this issue.*


Eventing. With top contenders to keep in shape and younger, less experienced horses to teach, event riders have had a busy and successful spring and summer season, both at home and abroad.

Ocala was the site of the Florida CCI one-star and two-star events, and Karen O'Connor and Bruce Davidson, Jr. rode multiple horses. O'Connor finished in second and third place in the two-star division with Mandiba and Hugh Knows. Davidson claimed fourth and seventh in that division with Ballynoecastle RM and King Billy as well as ninth place on Fuerst Edition at the one-star level. The Fair Hill International Horse Trials in Maryland ended with John Williams winning the open intermediate competition on Slooppy and O'Connor riding Mamz'elle de Dun to place fifth in the open training division. At the Jersey Fresh CCI in New Jersey, Davidson claimed second place on Ballynoecastle RM in the two-star event while O'Connor claimed sixth on Allstar at the three-star level. In the same division, Kim Severson took home fifth-place and tenth-place honors on Tipperary Liadhnan and Tsunami. Severson and Winsome Adante carried the American colors to a respectable third-place finish at England's Badminton event, one of only a handful of competitions at the four-star level.

Davidson is sponsored by KER Team Member **Flint River Mills**, while Williams and O'Connor are sponsored by KER and Team Member **Pennfield Feeds**. Pennfield also sponsors Kim Severson.

USEF. David O'Connor, president of the United States Equestrian Federation, received the 2007 Equine Industry Vision Award at this summer's American Horse Publications seminar. O'Connor was selected from among 13 nominees for the award, which recognized years of outstanding contributions and service to the equine industry. **Kentucky Equine Research** sponsored O'Connor as an international event rider, and is the official equine nutritionist of the USEF.

Thoroughbred Racing (Canada). Apologies to Vern and Pat Fernandes, customers of KER Team Member **Brooks Performance Horse Feeds** in Ontario. In the last issue of Equineews, they were identified as owners of a small stable of Standardbred horses; in reality, they own and race Thoroughbreds. This summer, their horse Cold War was named Best Claimer of the Year by the Thoroughbred Club of Toronto. Vern and Pat are especially pleased with the honor because Cold War is the first Fort Erie Raceway horse to be awarded this trophy.

Kentucky Equine Research and its Team Member feed manufacturers salute these outstanding horses, riders, trainers, and drivers, and wish them continued success in their future endeavors. 



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