

Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

College Connection. Hartpury College in Gloucestershire, England offers a comprehensive range of equine studies and runs a breeding program turning out high-quality sport horses. The school hosts a number of events and competitions including the FEI World Para Dressage Championships. Hartpury and KER Team Member **Saracen Feeds** have just signed a three-year agreement making Saracen the exclusive feed supplier for the college. In addition to feeding the 250 horses at the school, Saracen will support students with nutritional advice, talks, and workshops. Saracen staff members will supplement information provided by an impressive list of equine lecturers that includes three-time national dressage champion Carl Hester, British Horse Society (BHS) fellow and chief examiner Jeremy Michaels, and BHS examiner and international event rider Peta Roberts.

Thoroughbred Breeding. Tommy Town Thoroughbreds in Santa Ynez, California has an impressive young stallion, Ministers Wild Cat (Deputy Minister-Hollywood Wildcat). The farm is so pleased with the horse's first foal crop that it is offering a money-back guarantee if Ministers Wild Cat does not turn out to be California's leading freshman earning sire in 2009. Tommy Town Thoroughbreds is a client of **Associated Feed**, a KER Team Member in Turlock, California. In Kentucky, Lane's End Farm stallion A.P. Indy topped the list as leading sire by average at the Keeneland September sale, the world's largest auction of yearlings. A.P. Indy sired seven yearlings that sold for more than \$1 million each in the sale's first week. Lane's End Farm is a client of **Brumfield Hay and Grain**, a KER Team Member in Lexington.

Standardbred Breeding. Oak Knoll Stables in Ontario, Canada set a milestone at the November Harrisburg yearling sale. Oak Knoll's colt OK Braveheart brought \$115,000, well over the sales average and the farm's first time to exceed the \$100,000 mark for a yearling. Oak Knoll is a client of KER Team Member **Brooks Performance Feed**, and the farm also uses KER's growth management software program Gro-Trac™ to plan and monitor the development of its young horses.

Dressage. Chris Hickey rode Regent to an individual gold medal in dressage at the recent Pan American Games in Brazil. Hickey was also a member of the U.S. squad that took home the dressage team gold medal. As the head trainer at Hilltop Farm in Maryland, Hickey is well aware of the importance of proper nutrition for elite performance horses. "We have been thrilled with the results of the **KERx Prescription Wellness Supplement** for both our competition and breeding horses," he said.

Thoroughbred Racing. Hallway Feeds, a KER Team Member in Lexington, Kentucky, keeps an online list of trainers whose Thoroughbreds have had wins in black-type stakes races while training on Hallway products. Late in October of 2007, year-to-date stakes earnings for these horses topped the \$25 million mark, with several months of racing still to go. Prominent trainers on the list include Bob Baffert, who saddled two Breeders' Cup winners with Indian Blessing (Sprint) and Midnight Lute (Juvenile Fillies), and Bobby Frankel, who won with Ginger Punch in the Breeders' Cup Distaff as well as the Ruffian Handicap, the Go For Wand Handicap, and the First Flight Handicap. Also on the list are Graham Motion, who had stakes victories with 16 different horses, on both dirt and turf, at distances from 5 1/2 furlongs to a mile and 3/8, and Richard Dutrow, whose three stakes wins with Kip Deville included the Breeders' Cup Mile for a purse of \$1,420,200.

Eventing. John Williams had a successful weekend at the American Eventing Championships, placing second in the Intermediate division with Sweepea Dean and sixth in the Advanced division with Sloop.


Karen O'Connor placed first and second in the Advanced division and second and eighth in the CIC*** division at the Richland Park Horse Trials in Michigan.

At the Fair Hill International CCI***, Phillip Dutton rode horses that placed first (The Foreman), third (Woodburn), and fourteenth (Match Play II).

Riding Jam, Bruce Davidson, Sr. was the top American finisher at the Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire, England. Davidson brought home tenth-place honors and Jam was the recipient of the "Best Mare" award.

Winsome Adante, Kim Severson's winning mount at many past events, has been retired due to an injury to a hind suspensory ligament. The English Thoroughbred gelding won the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event three times.

Williams, O'Connor, Dutton, Davidson, and Severson are sponsored by KER Team Member **Pennfield Feeds**. Dutton, Williams, and O'Connor are also sponsored by KER.

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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