

Success Stories

Kentucky Equine Research feeds the champions

Thoroughbred Racing. Big Brown is this year's superstar! With an easy victory against the country's best three-year-olds in the Kentucky Derby, Big Brown boosted trainer Richard Dutrow, Jr. to Trainer of the Week honors based on top earnings for the period. In the Preakness Stakes, Big Brown again outdistanced his peers, winning by more than five lengths. Trained and raced on products from KER Team Member **Hallway Feeds**, the talented colt will begin his stud career at Three Chimneys Farm in Versailles, Kentucky at the end of his three-year-old racing season.

Quarter Horse Racing—U.S. Track Magazine publishes an annual ranking of top stallions in the Quarter Horse industry based on the amount of money earned by each horse's offspring in the previous year. Of the 20 best stallions on the most recent list, ten boasted First Down Dash breeding. First Down Dash, the all-time AQHA leading sire of money-earners, stands at Vessels Stallion Farm in California, where he thrives on feed produced by KER Team Member **Associated Feed**.

Quarter Horse Racing—Canada. First Kool Money, a two-year-old Quarter Horse filly owned by Bill and Belinda Taggart, was named Canadian Champion for the 2007 racing season. The filly was never out of the money in her nine starts (six wins as well as two second-place and one third-place finishes). Significant victories included the All-Canadian Futurity and the Alex Picov Memorial Futurity. Since being weaned, First Kool Money has thrived while training and racing on feeds manufactured by **Brooks Performance Horse Feeds**, a KER Team Member in Ontario.

Driving. **Saracen Horse Feeds**, a KER Team Member in Kent, United Kingdom, supplies feed to the horses owned by the mother-and-daughter team of Sara and Phillipa Howe. At the Indoor Driving Championships in Bedford, Phillipa drove her single pony to the highest dressage score of the day in the Open divi-

sion, besting more than 100 other competitors to win the title of Indoor Supreme Champion. Sara's team of ponies finished in second place in their division.

Standardbred Racing. **Brooks Performance Horse Feeds** is also the proud feed supplier for the pacing filly Stylish Artist. In her two-year-old year, Stylish Artist claimed five wins in eleven starts and earned more than \$497,000 for her owners. Tara Hills Farm, where Stylish Artist was born and raised, monitored the filly's development using the Brooks growth-tracking program.

Eventing. At the Pine Top Spring Advanced Horse Trials in Georgia, Kim Severson won the Open Preliminary division riding O'Susannah. Phillip Dutton claimed a first and two fourth-place awards in various divisions, while John Williams took home a tenth-place ribbon from one of his two rides. KER sponsors Williams and Dutton, while KER Team Member **Pennfield Feeds** sponsors all three riders. At the Jersey Fresh CCI three-star event, Buck Davidson stood in fourth place after cross-country and had a double-clear stadium round to finish in second position with his Irish-bred mount Ballynoecastle RM. Karen O'Connor and Mandiba were seventh and Phillip Dutton and Loose 'n Cool were tenth in the three-star division. Dutton also claimed third place with Risk Taker and fifth place with Bailey Wick in the two-star division. Davidson is sponsored by **Flint River Mills**, a KER Team Member; O'Connor and Dutton are sponsored by **Pennfield Feeds** and KER. Theodore O'Connor was euthanized several weeks after his Rolex performance after suffering a severe injury in a barn accident. KER staff members send condolences to the O'Connor Event Team.

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