

# Kentucky Equine Research Congratulates Team Member Champions


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Bob Baffert, the flamboyant Arizonian who has basked in the spotlight at the top of the Thoroughbred ranks for the past four years, has enjoyed another successful spring by winning with three of this year's top colts. Captain Steve, a four-year-old trained by Baffert for Mike Pegram, swept the field in the 2001 Dubai World Cup, giving him a leg up on Horse of the Year honors. Stablemates Congaree, owned by Robert and Janice McNair, and Saudi Arabian Prince Ahmed Salman's Point Given have burned up the three-year-old ranks. Congaree won the Wood Memorial and ran an outstanding race in both the Derby and the Preakness, finishing third in both. Point Given, dubbed a "monster horse" by many in the press, waited until the Preakness to show the form his fans expected of him, winning with what Baffert called "speed to spare." He repeated his winning form in the Belmont, winning by 12 lengths. All of the horses in the Baffert stable come to the track fueled by feeds supplied by Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Team Member Farmers Feed Mill in Lexington, Kentucky. Baffert feeds his horses Hallway Race 13.

The top three places at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event (CCI\*\*\*\*) held in Lexington in April went to horses that rely upon KER-formulated feeds and supplements to stay in top form. David O'Connor won the event aboard his two-time Olympic mount Giltedge, a Thoroughbred gelding owned by Ms. Jacqueline Mars. He also placed third on Custom Made, the horse owned by Xandarius LLC that carried him to an individual gold medal at the Sydney Olympic Games last year. Second place went to Australian Phillip Dutton riding Gil Phillip and Carl Bouckaert's Simply Red. New Zealander Andrew Nicholson riding Mallards Treat for Ray and Maureen Carroll was the leader of the pack going into the third day of competition, but knockdowns and time penalties in the stadium jumping phase left him in seventh place overall. KER Team Member Pennfield Feeds of Lancaster, Pennsylvania has been the feed supplier for the O'Connor horses for over ten years, and Pennfield Feeds also provides nutritional care and support to Dutton, who trains at his Pennsylvania farm. Nicholson's horses were maintained at the competition by feeds supplied by KER Team Member Woodford Feed in Versailles, Kentucky. Summer Games Electrolyte, Ker-A-Form, and Myo-Guard are some of the supplements that help these horses compete in the highest echelon of three-day-eventing.



New Zealand's NRM Feeds in Newmarket, Auckland has been the feed supplier for some of New Zealand's top Standardbred racehorses for years. One of the horses the company counts in its stable of greats is Courage Under Fire, the horse that racked up a record of 23 wins in 24 starts for total winnings in excess of \$890,000. Another horse, Christian Cullen, won over \$750,000 in his illustrious career with victories in the Superstars Championship, Ashburton Flying Stakes, New Zealand Cup, Sydney Miracle Mile, and Auckland Cup before retiring to stud. Topping even these champions is Lyell Creek, dubbed "Creek the Freak" by racing fans. The horse wrapped up his 1999/2000 racing calendar with the title of New Zealand Harness Horse of the Year. With his 2000/2001 season underway, he has become the first trotter in New Zealand history to earn \$1 million. Courage Under Fire was raised on NRM Asset and raced on NRM Sweetfeed for most of his career.

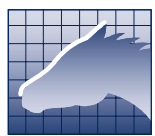
Gene and Kay Wilson, breeders of Quarter Horses in South Dakota, learned late in May that they won the prestigious titles of Owner of the Year and Breeder of the Year for 2000 from the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). Their stallion, Coolest Reflection, was again named the fourth winningest AQHA sire in the country. Mrs. Wilson stated, "That isn't bad for folks living in South Dakota." The Wilsons feed their horses a special mix of feeds containing Pro-Gold Fortifier 30 formulated by Joe Livermont of KER Team Member Hubbard Feeds. 

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