

Kentucky Equine Research Congratulates Team Member Champions

What is the measure of a champion? Is it a shelf full of trophies, ribbons, and medals? Strangely enough, the first definition of the word is “a warrior or a fighter,” while the more popular concept, “winner of first place,” is well down the list of meanings. It is the striving, the push to finish strongly, the compulsion to give one’s supreme effort that defines a champion. Those horses who repeatedly overcome the challenges of terrain, climate, and fatigue at the top levels of equine sport are true champions, regardless of their finish on a particular day. Kentucky Equine Research salutes these horses, their riders, and the companies that provide their feed and nutritional support.

On the first Friday in May, trainer Bob Baffert saddled Senor Swinger for the Grade 3 Crown Royal American Turf Stakes. The colt, who is fed by KER Team Member Hallway Feeds, won the \$100,000-added race, a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile competition for three-year-olds. Later that day in the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks, the premier spring race for three-year-old fillies, trainer Bob Baffert saw his entry Santa Catarina finish in second place. Close behind in third was the Shug McGaughey-trained filly Yell. The fillies are also fed by Hallway Feeds.

Derby Day in Louisville had trainer Bobby Frankel, another Hallway client, wearing a path to the winner’s circle with victories in three consecutive races. Aldebaran, owned by Flaxman Holdings Ltd., won the Grade 2 Churchill Downs Handicap. Heat Haze, a Juddmonte Farms horse, won the Citgo Distaff Turf Mile, a Grade 3 contest, and Juddmonte-owned Sight Seek led across the finish line in the Grade 1 Humana Distaff.

Tradition was upheld in the Kentucky Derby, with the favorite again failing to win the blanket of roses as Funny Cide prevailed in a tough stretch battle. Empire Maker finished second and Peace Rules, winner of the Grade 1 Toyota Bluegrass Stakes, was third. Bobby Frankel trains both Empire Maker and Peace Rules, and entrusts their feeding to Hallway Feeds. Atwhatimtalkinbout, another Hallway-fed colt trained by Ron Ellis, rounded out the top Derby contenders with a fourth-place finish.

The year has gone well for KER-sponsored riders in several disciplines. In combined training, Phillip

Dutton piloted three different horses to top honors. Dutton teamed up with Cayman Went at the Poplar Place Horse Trials in March and with Simply Red at the North American Beaulieu Championship CIC^{***} in early April for first-place finishes. He followed these events with a win on Nova Top at the Foxhall CCI^{***} in mid-April and wrapped up the month by riding I’m So Brite to a ninth-place finish at the Rolex Kentucky^{****} competition. Dutton’s horses thrive on feed provided by KER Team Member Pennfield Feeds.

Karen O’Connor completed the Rolex event on two horses, Upstage and Joker’s Wild. Upstage collected no faults on the second and third days of competition, finishing on his dressage score for a sixth-place standing ahead of fifty other entrants. Joker’s Wild, who was in tenth place after the dressage phase, moved up to finish seventh after good cross-county and stadium rounds. Pennfield Feeds is the feed supplier for the O’Connor event team.

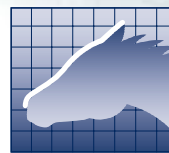
Mary Kornwolf of New Kent, Virginia rode Shiloh, her Quarter Horse/Arabian endurance mount, to a sixth-place finish in the Biltmore 100 FEI Ride in May. Only about half the starters completed the ride. Mary stated that Myo-Guard helped her horse stay in good shape throughout the race. “His metabolic condition was exceptional all day, and the next day he was in really good shape also. I think this was the best he’s looked after a 100-mile race,” she said. She had enthusiastic praise for her support staff as well. Headed by Sheri Devouassoux, this crew of dedicated individuals handled the many details that contributed to Shiloh’s success in the race and his good recovery. “This is the first horse I’ve brought along on my own,” Mary said. “He’s such a sweet horse, and we have a real bond. I don’t have to do a lot of controlling and pacing during the race. He knows what he has to do, and he’s easy to work with.” The Biltmore Ride is a step in qualifying for the Pan American Endurance Championship in September, and Mary hopes she and Shiloh will be there as part of the team representing the United States.

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates these riders and wishes them continued success! 🐾🐾

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Kentucky Equine Research proudly congratulates Pennfield Feeds for being the feed supplier to Mary Kornwolf and Shiloh, who finished sixth in the Biltmore 100 FEI Ride. Good luck to this KER-sponsored rider on her bid to represent the United States at the Pan American Endurance Championship in September.



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