

Kentucky Equine Research Congratulates Team Member Champions

Casual Look, a three-year-old filly trained by Andrew Balding and ridden by Martin Dwyer, prevailed against a strong field to win the Vodafone Oaks at Epsom Racecourse in England this summer. The classic race for three-year-old fillies is run over a distance of a mile and a half (2.4 km), and the undulating turf course presents a challenge to even the best-conditioned horses. The field included horses from Ireland, England, and Germany as well as Casual Look, owned by Will Farish III, as the only American entry.

Casual Look is trained and raced on feed from Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Team Member Saracen Horse Feeds. Located in Kent in the United Kingdom, Saracen formulates its Race 13 feed to provide exceptional nutrition to equine athletes. Andrew Balding qualified for his trainer's license last January and began feeding Saracen products in February.

The Vodafone Oaks is Britain's most valuable race for three-year-old fillies. Run the day before the Vodafone Derby as part of the British Horseracing Board's Summer Triple Crown series, the Oaks attracts a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Half a world away, KER-fed horses performed admirably in a very different type of race. Castlebar Treaty, ridden by trainer Meg Wade, tied for first place in the middleweight division of the 2003 Tom Quilty Gold Cup, a 100-mile (141 km) endurance competition held in Australia. Wade and Castlebar Endurance Arabians, a 250-horse training and breeding stable, have recently come under the sponsorship of KER. The Castlebar horses use the KER supplements Endura-Max, Endura-Max Plus, and Equi-Jewel as well as Hemabuild and Preserve from KER's Australasian product line. Nutritional counseling is provided by Dr. Peter Huntington, who combines research results with his experience in formulation to work out the best diets for performance horses. Support also comes from veterinarian Bill Harbison and Ridley AgriProducts.


Completed by fewer than 40% of the 273 horses that began the race, this year's Tom Quilty Gold Cup was a demanding test. Competitors in the Quilty negotiate multiple changes in elevation in the course of the event. Beginning at about 1000 feet (320 m) above sea level, the course demands a high

level of fitness as horses and riders make their way across rivers and creeks that separate a series of ridges as high as 1800 feet (555 m).

Australian endurance riding began in the mid-1960s and has experienced a steady increase in popularity. The ride now known as the Tom Quilty Gold Cup has been run for many years and serves as the national championship for endurance racing. Modeled loosely on America's Tevis Cup race, the Quilty is considered the pinnacle of achievement among the approximately 2500 members of various endurance associations. About 100 endurance events are scheduled annually, with the Quilty race rotating to a different Australian state each year. Because laws prohibit competing for a cash prize, entrants vie not for money but for the honor of earning a coveted silver buckle.

Following an emerging pattern of the past few years, Empire Maker derailed Triple Crown hopes by pulling out a win in this spring's Belmont Stakes. A near-record crowd watched the Juddmonte Farms colt pass the favorite Funny Cide in the final turn and then outrun a tough stretch challenge by Ten Most Wanted to claim the victory by three-quarters of a length. A day of rain had led to a sloppy track, but Empire Maker lived up to trainer Bobby Frankel's sunniest hopes.

Frankel has enjoyed numerous successes this year including wins with Peace Rules in the Grade 1 Haskell Invitational Handicap at Monmouth and with Medaglia d'Oro in the Grade 1 Whitney Handicap at Saratoga. Other Frankel-trained horses who have visited the winner's circle are Wild Spirit (first in the Grade 2 Delaware Handicap), Aldebaran (first in the Grade 2 Tom Fool Handicap), and Johar (first in the Grade 2 San Marcos Stakes). After saddling two entries in the Grade 1 John C. Mabee Handicap at Del Mar Raceway in July, Frankel watched the fillies Megahertz and Tates Creek finish one-two in the contest. Frankel depends on KER Team Member Hallway Feeds to provide superior nutrition to all the horses in his care.

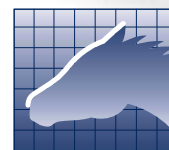
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