

Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

STEEPLECHASE RACING. Irish trainer Charles Byrnes has enjoyed exceptional results in recent months with his stable of steeplechasers. Early this spring he became only the second trainer in history to win both the Piers Leopardstown Chase and the Piers Handicap Hurdle in the same year. Byrnes fuels his horses with Prep 14 and Race 13 from Bluegrass Horse Feeds, a KER Team Member, and supplements their diets with Equi-Jewel and Summer Games Electrolyte. After saddling Cloudy Bays for the former race and Dromlease Express for the latter, Byrnes said, "Since using Bluegrass Horse Feeds products this season, I have found that my horses can keep better body condition and I can work them harder." Declan Cullen of Bluegrass reported that the whole village turned out to welcome the winning horses home, with television crews broadcasting their victory parade along the town's main street.


THOROUGHBRED RACING. When the Eclipse Award winners were announced, several honors went to horses fed by KER Team Member Hallway Feeds. Action This Day was named top two-year-old colt or gelding, and Halfbredled was selected as the best two-year-old filly. Both horses are trained by Richard Mandella, who feeds Hallway products to the youngsters in his stable. Honors for top sprinter went to Aldebaran, a six-year-old horse that has run well on Hallway feeds under trainer Bobby Frankel's guidance. Frankel received the award for outstanding trainer due in part to his successes with Hallway-fed Empire Maker, Medaglia d'Oro, Sightseek, and Heat Haze, all of whom were Eclipse Award finalists. Jerry Bailey, who rides many of Frankel's top mounts, was named outstanding jockey. Frankel and Bailey were also chosen as 2003 trainer and jockey of the year, respectively, by Thoroughbred Times.

EVENTING. At the annual meeting of the United States Eventing Association, KER-sponsored riders Phillip Dutton and Karen O'Connor were recognized for their accomplishments in 2003. Dutton, who scored a record 1,446 points in competition, received Rider of the Year honors for the fourth consecutive year. Karen O'Connor finished third in Rider of the Year standings and topped the list for the title of Lady Rider of the Year. David O'Connor, who was sidelined with wrist and ankle fractures for part of the season, achieved a top-ten finish in Rider of the Year

points. These equestrians use feeds and supplements provided by KER Team Member Pennfield Feeds.

GROOM'S AWARD. Emma Knight, who sees to the million and one details involved in getting Jim Richards' driving horses and Julie Burns Richards' three-day event horses ready to compete, won the United States Eventing Association Professional Groom of the Year Award. She has won previous awards for Best Turned-Out Horse at Blenheim Horse Trials in England and also won the Groom's Prize at Fair Hill in Maryland. Her employers, who train and compete about 15 horses in the two disciplines, nominated Emma. In addition to her duties at shows, Emma manages all phases of horse care at the farm including feeding, turning out, and riding or exercising horses. While the owners emphasized her hard work and attention to detail, Emma said that her job has been made easier by the farm's nutrition program. The horses are fed Endurance Gold from KER Team Member Flint River Mills and are supplemented with KER's Summer Games Electrolyte, Metaboleeze, Ker-A-Form, and Myo-Guard. According to Emma, this program meets the needs of the elite athletes in her care, allowing them to look and feel their best while performing at the highest levels of competition.

DRESSAGE. Australian rider Ricky Macmillan rode her horse Crisp to a win in the Freestyle competition and a second-place finish in the Grand Prix at the Australian National Dressage Championships. At Equitana Asia Pacific, the pair placed first in both the Grand Prix and the Freestyle. Rounding out an exceptional season, they again swept the awards with top Freestyle and Grand Prix finishes at Dressage and Jumping with the Stars. Their top placings qualified Ricky to compete Crisp at the 2004 World Cup Final in Germany. Kentucky Equine Research and Team Member Ridley AgriProducts are co-sponsors of this winning team.

Recognizing the hard work, dedication, and skills that lead to victory, Kentucky Equine Research offers sincere congratulations to these successful horses, handlers, riders, and trainers. 

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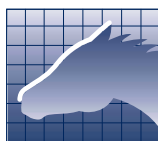
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