

Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

MORGAN HORSES. Alyssa Wick, a Minnesota teenager, rode and drove her way to several victories at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City. The young equestrienne earned first-place honors in the Grand National English Pleasure and World Grand Champion English Pleasure classes riding Cabot French Pepper. She also drove Mirabels Dartanyan to reserve championships in the Grand National Pleasure Driving and World Champion Pleasure Driving events. Alyssa's parents, Lyle and Colleen Wick, own and manage Hardwood Creek Farm in Hugo, Minnesota. They depend on **Assurance** horse feeds supplied by KER Team Member **Feed Mill Express** to keep their horses in top shape throughout their busy training and show schedule. In addition to these KER-formulated feeds, horses at Hardwood Creek are given Equi-Jewel to help them look and perform their best.


MINIATURE HORSES. Kim Battle of Huntingdale Training Stables in Kurmond, New South Wales, Australia has discovered that, although Miniature Horses are smaller than their loftier cousins, they can bring a large measure of success. Kim's pint-sized horses have garnered many recent honors. Her stallion Comanche's Fire Dancer was named Australian Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) Grand Champion Senior Stallion and the Miniature Horse Association of Australia (MHAA) National Champion Four-Year-Old and Over Stallion. One of her young animals, Kitaro's Dakota Legacy, was named AMHA Australian Grand Champion Junior Colt and MHAA National Champion Two-Year-Old Colt. Kim credits **Kentucky Equine Research Australasia** with helping her put together a nutrition plan that meets the needs of these Miniature Horses without allowing them to become overweight, a significant challenge with a breed that needs very little supplementary feeding. All-Phase is a staple in her equine diets, providing essential vitamins and minerals in an extremely concentrated form.

AMERICAN SADDLEBREDS. Kris Price Knight, owner of Pleasantview Farm in Simpsonville, Kentucky, feeds a custom blend prepared by KER Team Member **Bagdad Roller Mills** using KER's 27% fortifier pellet. One of Knight's horses, Fox de Jour, was raised on Bagdad feeds, and last fall he carried Knight's daughter Kelsey to the 2004 Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited World Grand Championship.

THOROUGHBRED BREEDING. **Bagdad Roller Mills** also supplies feed to Nighthawk Stud Farm, Tony Guida's breeding operation in LaGrange, Kentucky. Gaviola, a Thoroughbred mare, was foaled at Nighthawk in 1998 and started on a Bagdad blend. She went on to win 6 of 8 races as a two-year-old, chalking up multiple graded stakes victories at distances up to a mile and an eighth, and was sold as a broodmare in 2004 for \$1.9 million. Her first foal was retained by Gaviola's former owner, Twilite Farms, and is stabled at Nighthawk Stud Farm.

EVENTING. Phillip Dutton finished the Fair Hill International Three-Day Event, a three-star competition, in first place. Kim Severson was reserve champion. Both riders are sponsored by KER and its Team Member **Pennfield Feeds**. Dutton, riding The Foreman, posted the only double-clear cross-country trip and followed it with a faultless stadium round to finish on his dressage score of 46.2. Severson led after the dressage phase, but her mount, Royal Venture, pulled a single rail on the final day, dropping to second place with a score of 48.0. Karen O'Connor, another sponsored rider, rode the horses that placed first and sixth in the Stuart Horse Trials, a CIC*** event in New York. O'Connor secured the 2004 United States Eventing Association Gold Cup Series Championship at the intermediate level, while Dutton took second-place honors in the advanced division.

THOROUGHBRED RACING. Many top race trainers trust feeds from KER Team Member **Farmers Feed Mill (Hallway Feeds)** to give their horses superior nutrition. Bobby Frankel, a longtime Hallway advocate and one of the most successful trainers of the past few years, has achieved results that underscore the importance of an outstanding feeding program. He tied with Steve Asmussen for top honors as Thoroughbred Times Today Trainer of the Year, an award based on the number of times an individual is named Trainer of the Week. Frankel achieved the title eight times in 2004 while saddling 135 winners out of 491 starters. According to figures released by Equibase, horses trained by Frankel ranked second in the nation for 2004 with earnings of \$15,605,911.

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates these outstanding trainers, riders, and horses and wishes them continued success. 

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