

FLORIDA Pedigree

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There are some familiar names at the top of the Florida stallion standings with Trippi, Montbrook, the deceased Notebook, Concerto, Halo's Image, Double Honor and Put It Back having their typical good years. However, there are some lesser known Sunshine State stallions that are quietly getting the job done in 2007.

Gilbert G. Campbell's Stonehedge South Farm is home to two such stallions, West Acre and Untuttable. West Acre is the sire of a pair of new stakes winners this year, both since early May, as well as two additional stakes-placed runners.

The son of Forty Niner brought a solid Claiborne Farm pedigree to Stonehedge South in 1998 (his third dam Monarchy is the dam of Round Table). Since then however, his female line has developed into one of the best stallion-producing families in the stud book. West Acre is out of a sister to Preach, dam of Pulpit, and to Yarn, dam of Tale of the Cat and granddam of Johannesburg.

West Acre never raced and his first crop yielded but six foals, four of whom were winners. His slightly larger second crop (21 foals) produced the Florida-bred Champion Ivanavinalot. Bred and campaigned by Campbell, Ivanavinalot won four stakes events, including the Bonnie Miss Stakes (G2) and earned nearly \$650,000.

West Acre's 2004 foal crop, bred after Ivanavinalot (and

his female family) emerged, is his largest with 63 foals and one of his two new stakes winners is from that crop. The three-year-old gelding West Coast Flier took the Frances 'Jock' Labelle Stakes at Delaware Park on May 5. West Coast Flier was also bred by Campbell out of the Regal Search mare Judy's Turn to Fly, a half-sister to Ivanavinalot.

West Acre's second 2007 stakes winner is another Campbell-bred, the four-year-old gelding Wildeyed Dreamer, winner of the Longfellow Stakes at Monmouth on June 9. Campbell bred Wildeyed Dreamer out of the Sovereign Dancer mare Classic Dancer.

West Acre has also been represented by the additional 2007 stakes horses Forty Acres, third in the Seeking the Gold Stakes at Louisiana Downs and A Bit of Madness second in the Sophomore Turf Sprint at Tampa. Forty Acres is out of a mare by the Sovereign Dancer stallion Gate Dancer, while A Bit of Madness is out of a mare by Shananie.

The Unbridled son Untuttable stands alongside West Acre at Stonehedge South and he is another quietly doing

Lesser known Florida stallions



West Acre (top) and Invisible Ink

good work in 2007. From a first crop of 26 foals (now five-year-olds) Untuttable came up with a pair of stakes winners; Dream On Dream On, a three-time stakes winner of nearly \$250,000 and Favalora, who earned over \$180,000 in his career. Dream On Dream On is out of a mare by Nijinsky II stallion Sword Dance (Ire) while Favalora is out of a mare by Darby Creek Road (by Roberto).

Untuttable's third crop, currently three-year-olds, numbers some 41 foals and there is already a pair of stakes winners from that group. Last year Untroubled, out of a mare by the Darby Creek Road son Salem Drive, took the C. T. H. S. Sales Stakes for juveniles in Western Canada. On May 26 of this year, Into Reality captured the Dipsea Trail at Golden Gate Fields. The filly was bred in Florida by Gary and Jacqueline Mahon

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out of the High Brite mare Sweet Mia. Among his other three-year-olds is Unbridled Music, third in the Lord Juban Stakes at Calder in late June.

Untuttable's fourth crop are juveniles of 2007 and there is already a stakes caliber runner in the crop as Areahotlover took third in the Criterium Stakes on Summit of Speed Day at Calder.

The first stakes winner by Cimarron Farms' Cimarron Secret is a good one. Bred in Florida by Cimarron Farm's Francis McDonnell, the five-year-old horse Lookinforthesecret has won three stakes events in 2007. He is out of a mare by the Mr. Prospector stallion Vicksburg and inbred to Mr. P at 4x3, through Crafty Prospector, sire of Cimarron Secret's dam. Cimarron Secret has also been represented by the 2007 stakes- placed runners Later Gater and Zooming By.

Randolph Thoroughbreds' B L's Appeal has been a consistent source of juvenile winners the past few years. He is now on the board with his first stakes winner who, not surprisingly, is the winner of a two-year-old blacktype race.

On June 16, Brother Joey took the B L's Sweep for ju-

getting the job done this year

venile colts at Calder. The race, ironically, is named for B L's Appeal's half-brother who captured Calder's Criterium Stakes in 1998. Brother Joey was bred in Florida by Frank Bertolino out of the Meadowlake mare Lake Shore View. On that same Calder card, B L's Appeal's three-year-old son Appealing Runner took third in the Swept Away Stakes.

Invisible Ink ran third in the 2001 Florida Derby (G1) and second to Monarchs in that year's Kentucky Derby (G1), the second fastest in history. His first crop are now three-year-olds themselves, and right on cue the Rising Hill Farm stallion has been represented by his first stakes winner. His son Fearless Eagle took Calder's Lord Juban Stakes on June 23. The Florida-bred colt races for his breeder Isaac Muhtar and is out of a mare by Proud Birdie.

Daughters of some other bread-and-butter Florida sires, Dawn Quixote and Sir Leon, are also producing stakes quality runners in 2007.

Mares by veteran Rising Hill stallion Dawn Quixote produced a pair of new stakes winners in the span of two



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weeks. On June 9, Executive Order, a six-year-old gelding by former Florida stallion Birdonthewire, won the Steady Growth Stakes at Woodbine. He is out of the mare Chachagua, a stakes winner from Dawn Quixote's third crop. On June 23 at Delaware Park, Tune of the Spirit captured the \$100,000 Sussex Stakes on the grass. Tune of the Spirit, who is also the latest stakes winner for Concorde's Tune, is out of the Dawn Quixote mare Spirit of Dawn, a member of her sires' fourth crop.

Dawn Quixote mares had previously produced the stakes winners Alpha Heat, by Alphabet Soup, and Dawn of Fame, by Katahala County, who, like Concorde's Tune, hails from the Boldnesian male line. Dawn Quixote is out of a mare by that line's best representative, the great Seattle Slew.

Getaway Farm's Sir Leon is best known as the sire of Florida-bred Champion Sir Bear, a Grade 1 winner of over \$2.5 million. He was represented by his first stakes winner as a damsire when Cat Can Do won the Sara's Success Stakes at Calder in late May. Cat Can Do was bred in Florida by owner Lucille Geranis and is by the Storm Cat stallion Adcat, who stood at Farnsworth Farms. Cat Can Do is the first foal out of Sweet Also, who is a full sister to the stakes-placed Sea Leon. Interestingly, Sweet Also and Sea Leon are among 12 foals produced by their dam, Miss Digger, all to the cover of Sir Leon. ■

Cimarron Secret