

Mid Range Movers

Malibu Moon hits double digits

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Several middle-range Kentucky stallions are once again posting good numbers in 2006.

The fourth crop stallion Malibu Moon has reached doubled digit stakes winners for the second straight year. October 14 was a particularly good day for the son of A. P. Indy. Spectacular Malibu won the Maryland Millions Lassie to become her sire's newest blacktype winner and eighteenth from his first four crops. Also on that Saturday afternoon, Malibu Sue captured her second stakes race, and first of 2006, in the West Virginia Division of Tourism Breeders' Classic at Mountaineer. The highlight of the day for Malibu Moon however, came at Keeneland where Malibu Mint won the Thoroughbred Club of America Stake (G3). Back in July, the four year-old filly had become Malibu Moon's second grade one winner (after his champion Declan's Moon) by upsetting Dubai Escapade in the Princess Rooney Stakes (G1) at Calder. Overall, Malibu Moon has sired 10 stakes winners so far this season, matching his 2005 tally.

With her score in the Great Falls Stakes at The Meadowlands on October 21, Winzalot put her sire, Forest Wildcat into double digit stakes winner territory for the second consecutive season. She is the 10th current year stakes winner for the Brookdale Farm-based son of Storm Cat and his 39th from his first seven crops to race. Forest Wildcat is also the sire of the multiple graded winner Wild Gams, the multiple stakes winner Brownie Points and the juvenile stakes winner Speedway.

Aim is true

Yes It's True moved from Padua Farm in Florida to his current Bluegrass headquarters at Three Chimneys Farm for the 2005 season. The second leading freshman sire of 2004 has continued to rank among the best of his sire crop. In 2005, he was the sire of six stakes winners and finished the year fourth among the second crop sires. In 2006, he rates third among his sire peers and has more than doubled his stakes winner production to 13.

The veteran Nijinsky II stallion Royal Academy is another who has sired 10 stakes winners in 2006 after a strong 2005 when he was represented by 15. His sophomores, who are members of his twelfth crop are his headliners in 2006. The group includes the New York-bred stakes winner Oprah Winney, the group winner Danzon, multiple graded stakes winner Bagdharia and the grade two winning sprinter Courts Folly.

Royal Academy's mate at Ashford, Hennessy, has also been represented by an eclectic group of nine stakes winners in 2006. His most recent current year success is Capano Fujin, winner of a stake in Japan on October 22. Fifteen days prior, Hennessy had a sensational day in America. His Eclipse caliber sprinter Henny Hughes easily defeated older runners to earn his second grade one in the Vosburgh Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park. That same afternoon, down the Pennsylvania turnpike, his sophomore daughter India earned her first graded victory in the two-turn Cotillion Stakes (G3) at Philly Park. The pair is among the six total 2006 stakes winners from Hennessy's current year three year-olds, his sixth crop. The others include, Aunt Henny, a grade three winner on the grass and the European stakes winners Reve Luanire and Short Dance. 



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