

2003 Regular Registry Champions

World Champion
Champion 3-Year-Old
Champion 3-Year-Old Filly

Treasured Judy

By Amy Train

Winning is always fun, especially in the Paint racing world. Treasured Judy wants nothing more than to win. She has definitely proven it by earning the 2003 Regular Registry World Champion Running Paint Horse title for owner Dena Todd of Hearne, Texas.

"She's just that kind of mare," Todd said. "I think a lot of times you just find those horses that have a will to win, and she happens to be one of those. Part of it is just her natural instinct and talent, but the trainers have also helped."

"Judy," a sorrel tobiano, won five out of her six starts in 2003 and her earnings totaled \$36,563. Her nearly flawless season, with the aid of trainer Eddie Willis, improved her lifetime record to seven wins and two second-place finishes out of 10 starts. She was also named the 2003 Champion Running Paint 3-Year-Old and the Champion Running Paint 3-Year-Old Filly

"We are really pleased," Todd said. "We couldn't have asked for anything more. She has performed great all the time and really gone well beyond what we had dreamed."

Part of that dream was realized on June 6, 2003, when Judy crossed the finish line in 17.58 seconds in the Speedhorse Paint and Appaloosa Derby at Fair Meadows in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The race was the best of the mare's career as she earned a speed index of 101 in the victory.

Even though Todd and her husband have been in the racing business since 1985, they have been running Paints only the past several years. With Judy's success for them, it has really fueled her and her husband's interest in continuing to run Paint Horses.

"She was a beginning step," Todd said. "She will be our foundation mare, and we'll breed her sometime this year. We're looking at all of our options."

Todd said that the mare was nice looking, had great color and was well put together when her and her husband first got her. The two thought she would grow to be an incredible and beautiful mare, but they really had no idea how competitive she would be.

"Her breeding is nice, too," Todd said. "There's not too much more you could ask for when looking to buy one."

Judy was sired by Judy's Lineage and is out of Tushka Treasure.

As a 2-year-old, Judy's best race was in the All Star Paint Futurity at Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana. The mare won by nearly two lengths in :17.96.

"She keeps her mind on running and knows what she is there for," Todd said. "She's definitely a competitor. She'll just pin her ears and go. Judy's an easy-keeper—she stays in shape pretty easily."

In 2004, Todd plans to run Judy selectively.

"We'll pick and choose her races," she said. "We'll run her in the best we can find for her."



Remington Park



Remington Park

Winning is Treasured Judy's forte. The sorrel tobiano mare posted five wins out of six starts during 2003 for owner Dena Todd of Hearne, Texas. Judy also earned a 101 speed index in the Speedhorse Paint & Appaloosa Derby at Fair Meadows in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Treasured Judy

Sorrel tobiano filly, 2000

Breeder: Doyle Williams of Jenks, Oklahoma

Owner: Dena Todd of Hearne, Texas

Trainers: John Boegner, Ronald Gilmer, Eddie Willis

Jockeys: Alvin Brossette, John Hamilton, Larry Payne

Treasured Judy	Judy's Lineage	Special Lineage (TB)	Alydar
	Tushka Treasure	Judy's Chick	Champagne Woman
		Treasured	Walters Chick
	Miss Armandais AQHA	The Lady Sadie AQHA	Easy Jet Too
			Treasure Glass AQHA
			Pie In The Sky
			Lubar Rebel

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	6	5 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	\$36,563
Lifetime	10	7 (4)	2 (1)	0 (0)	\$48,745

In 2003: 1st—Speedhorse Paint & Appaloosa Derby, PSBA Derby, Paint N Appy Big Cap

Tiene Mucho Blanco

Regular Registry Champion 3-Year-Old Gelding

Chestnut overo gelding, 2000

Breeder: Vessels Stallion Farm, LLC of Bonsall, California

Owners: Jeffrey and Kim Pitcher of Smithfield, Utah

Trainer: Paul Jones

Jockeys: Cody Jensen, Ramon Sanchez

Tiene Mucho Blanco	Splash Bac AQHA	Tolltac	Beduino (TB)
		Beat Your Pants Off	Little Smoothie
	Shirleys Signature AQHA	The Signature	Six Fols
		Shirley B Gayle	Splashing Bunny
			Noholme II (TB)
			Mable Chick Too
			Shirley's Champion (TB)
			Moolah Gayle

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	5	3 (3)	1 (0)	0 (0)	\$42,855
Lifetime	11	5 (3)	2 (0)	1 (1)	\$56,230

Royal Toast

Regular Registry Champion 3-Year-Old Colt

Sorrel overo stallion, 2000

Breeder and Owner: Phillip R. Smith of Mena, Arizona

Trainer: Jack Wilson

Jockey: Randy Wilson

Royal Toast	Pals Real Royalcross AQHA	Royal Quick Dash	First Down Dash
		Pals Real Cross	Harems Choice
	Enough Toast AQHA	Exclusive Enough (TB)	Real Ease
		To Toast	Pal's Top Cross
			Exclusive Native
			One Is Enough
			Beduino (TB)
			Time To Toast

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	6	2 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	\$15,116
Lifetime	12	3 (0)	5 (0)	1 (1)	\$22,932

Champion 2-Year-Old Champion 2-Year-Old Gelding

Judys Pokerchips

Montana may seem like it's on the outskirts of the Paint racing world, but for Judys Pokerchips and owner Nancy Garoutte of Wolf Point, Montana, location hasn't stopped them from turning heads.

How can they not, when the gelding that earned a speed index of 98 after breaking a race record with a time of 15.26 seconds in the Montana Paint Championship Futurity? The buck didn't stop there, though, as "Pokerchip" earned two APHA champion titles for the 2003 racing season—Champion Running Paint 2-Year-Old and Champion Running Paint 2-Year-Old Gelding.

"It's hard to believe that small-time people in Montana could have done this," Garoutte said. "I never dreamed of it happening."

Pokerchips' "leader of the pack" mentality pushed the sorrel tovero to win six races in 2003, three of those stakes races.

"He comes out of the gates good, gets in the lead and stays in the lead," Garoutte said. "He just keeps on shifting gears as needed."

Pokerchip, whose earnings total \$34,029, won two other futurities in 2003. In addition to the Montana Paint Futurity, he won the Bucking Horse Sale Futurity in Miles City, Montana, and the Western States Futurity at Arapahoe Park in Aurora, Colorado.

"It's kind of amazing to have a horse that wins like this," Garoutte said. "There are jockeys standing in line to ride him. This is about as good as it can get."

For the past four years, Garoutte has found the glory of owning and running Paint Horses. She attends at least one of the Heritage Place sales each year. In fact, that is where she purchased Pokerchip.

Garoutte sees her 16.2-hand gelding as a great buy for more reasons than his winning stature.

"I just like everything about him," she said. "He's big, lanky, long-legged and has a really nice disposition."

For 2004, Garoutte said she will run her gelding in the PSBA and Masterpiece Derbies.



Judys Pokerchips, owned by Nancy Garoutte, broke records and earned his best speed index of 98 during the 2003 season. "Pokerchip" earned high marks with three futurity wins last year.

Judys Pokerchips

Sorrel tovero gelding, 2001

Breeder: Charles L. Butcher of Sallisaw, Oklahoma

Owner: Nancy Garoutte of Wolf Point, Montana

Trainer: Jessie Villegas

Jockeys: Frank LaForge, Gilbert Rivera, Fernando Rojoas, Gary Worst

Judys Pokerchips	Judys Lineage	Special Lineage (TB)	Alydar
		Judys Chick	Champagne Woman
	Mystic Sky Moon	Sky Jet	Walters Chick
		My Mystic Moon	The Lady Sadie AQHA
			Sky Top Bar
			Squaw Jet
			Mystic Moon AQHA
			Phantom Rose

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	9	6 (3)	2 (1)	1 (0)	\$34,029
Lifetime	9	6 (3)	2 (1)	1 (0)	\$34,029

In 2003: 1st—Bucking Horse Sale Futurity, Western States Futurity, Montana Paint Championship Futurity, 2nd—Harvest Cup Futurity

Moonpie Marauder

Champion 2-Year-Old Filly

Gray overo filly, 2001

Breeders: Joyce E. and Gene G. Holmes of Belton, Texas

Owner: Wendell Blankenship of Plainview, Texas

Trainer: Gary Jacobs

Jockeys: Jose Alvarez; Roy Brooks; G.R. Carter, Jr.; Kenneth Good, Jr.; Gilbert Ortiz; Dewey Smith; Randy Wilson

Moonpie Marauder	Royal Shake Em AQHA	Royal Quick Dash	First Down Dash
	Queen Of Aspen AQHA	Shake Em Six	Harems Choice
		Truckle Feature	Streakin Six
	Queen Of Vail	Truly Truckle (TB)	Feature That
		Rocket Wrangler	Paula Saline

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	7	2 (2)	3 (2)	1 (0)	\$29,301
Lifetime	7	2 (2)	3 (2)	1 (0)	\$29,301

In 2003: 1st—Manor Paint & Appaloosa Futurity G3, Gillespie County Paint Stakes, 2nd-Tulsa State Fair Stakes, Lorelei Futurity G3

Champion Aged Horse

Champion Aged Gelding

Miami Moon Dust



Miami Moon Dust, owned by Bob Grimes and Paul Jones, found success during his 4-year-old year, winning three stakes races.

Even though Miami Moon Dust won the title of Champion Running Aged Paint Horse for owners Bob Grimes and Paul Jones in 2003, he doesn't necessarily show signs of being an "aged" Paint Horse.

"Miami," a 5-year-old sorrel overo gelding, has spent the past several months kicking back in Tucson, Arizona, at Grimes's farm. And, in some cases, jumping five-foot fences while frolicking in the runs.

"We're going to give him some time off and may bring him back later in the summer," said Jones of Cypress, California. "He's resting in Tucson."

Grimes said Miami did very well in the races at Los Alamitos Race Course in California during the 2003 racing season and that when they run him this year, they want him to be ready.

"We want to keep his mind fresh," Grimes said. "He's really been a good-minded horse for us."

The gelding's lifetime earnings total \$43,300 and he won three out of the six stakes races he was entered in during 2003.

At Los Alamitos Race Course, Miami won the 350-yard Grass Valley Stakes on May 10 in 17.78 seconds, the 400-yard Donner Summit Stakes (G3) on June 13 in :19.96, and the 400-yard Carson Pass Stakes (G3) on July 18 in :20.07. Los Alamitos even named Miami its Paint Horse of the Meet.

"He's been a good, hard-knocking horse," Jones said. "He's just really consistent. He runs good and is easy-going."

Grand Point

Champion 2-Year-Old Colt

Bay tobiano colt, 2001

Breeder and Owner: Randy J. Davis of Vinita, Oklahoma

Trainers: John Bassett, Bobby Turner

Jockeys: Joe Badilla, Jr.; Debbie Freeman

Grand Point	Okey Dokey Dale AQHA	First Down Dash	Dash For Cash
		Okeydokey Baby	First Prize Rose Zevi (TB)
	Yes It Is	Is It True (TB)	Mayolas Doll Baby
		Reba McIntyre	Raja Baba
			Roman Rockette
			Hempen (TB)
			Western Music

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	8	3 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)	\$8,676
Lifetime	8	3 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)	\$8,676

In 2003: 1st—Lorelei Futurity G3

"He's really grown on everybody," Grimes said. "It's hard for them not to grow on you when you've turned them into champions."

Grimes said even if Miami retires, he'll stay within the two families.

Miami Moon Dust

Sorrel overo gelding, 1999

Breeder: Robert E. Razor of Miami, Oklahoma

Owners: Bob Grimes of Tucson, Arizona
and Paul Jones of Cypress, California

Trainer: Paul Jones

Jockeys: Alejandro Luna, Ramon Sanchez

Miami Moon Dust	Texas Hero	Raise A Jet	Easy Jet Too
		Breakaway Baby	Kallista AQHA
	Miami Moon	Solo Guy (TB)	Dash For Cash AQHA
		Twiggy Moon AQHA	Larking Kit AQHA
			Solo Landing
			Royal Fret
			Top Moon
			Reddy Norma

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	10	6 (3)	3 (2)	3 (1)	\$30,000
Lifetime	19	7 (3)	3 (2)	5 (2)	\$43,300

In 2003: 1st—Grass Valley Stakes G2, Donner Summit Stakes G3, Carson Pass Stakes G3, 2nd—Sutter Creek Stakes G3

Miss Hero

Champion Aged Mare

Sorrel tobiano mare, 1998

Breeder, Owner and

Trainer: David Chapman of Kiowa, Oklahoma

Jockeys: Tony Bennett; Bryan Ernst; Mike Holmes;

Ivan Ortiz, Jr.; Michael Phillips; Leroy Sommers, Jr.

Miss Hero	Another Hero AQHA	Dash For Cash	Rocket Wrangler
		Tres Pass	Find A Buyer (TB)
	I Need Help	Triple Dash AQHA	Pass 'Em Up (TB)
		Allbymyself	First Triple Moon
			Dash For Cash
			Triple Rocket
			Olympia Joe
			Summer Wind AQHA

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	11	3 (0)	1 (0)	3 (1)	\$13,123
Lifetime	22	5 (0)	1 (0)	3 (1)	\$17,530

In 2003: 3rd—Creek Nation Handicap

2003 Breeding Stock Champions

World Champion Breeding Stock
Champion Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old
Champion Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old Gelding

Boy Of Summer

By Amy Train

Boy Of Summer's perfect record hasn't gone unnoticed and neither has the solid bay gelding's ability to break track records.

Owner John Downing of the Painted Pitchfork in Rifle, Colorado, couldn't be more elated.

"I'm really excited," he said. "You don't get one like that very often. It's like lightning striking. There's not one race that he ran last year that I wasn't happy about. I've raised Quarters, too, and haven't had one that can run like him."

The gelding's talent earned him World Champion Breeding Stock and Champion status. Boy Of Summer was voted the World Champion Running Breeding Stock Paint Horse, the Champion Running Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old and the Champion Running Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old Gelding.

During the 2003 racing season, Boy Of Summer ran his best on November 14 at the Starburst Futurity (RG2) at Los Alamitos Race Course in Los Alamitos, California. He posted a time of 17.50 seconds, earning a speed index of 96 and breaking a previous Paint Horse track record set by Treasured Form earlier in the season. The win closed out Boy Of Summer's season with earnings totaling \$34,244.

The 3-year-old takes his job seriously and knows he's talented, Downing said.

"He has a really good attitude," he said. "He just has this look in his eyes that he's wanting to win and proud of what he can do. Sometimes, they just know when they're good."

Downing attributes some of the horse's success to trainer Samantha Valencia's work.

"She did all of his training last year, and they really bonded," he said. "She's been doing a really good job with him."

Boy Of Summer started out the 2004 season in full stride. He won the Pioneer Derby (G3) on January 30 at Los Alamitos Race Course. He covered the 400-yard distance in :19.92, winning by about two-and-a-half lengths. The gelding set another Paint Horse track record, beating General Te's time :19.98. There were other champion horses in the field, including Carols Treasure and Keep Him.

Valencia hopes the gelding's success continues through the remainder of the year.

"The pressure is on us now," Valencia said. "Once you take a horse to the top, it is tough to stay on top. I plan to continue to do what is best for this horse, and I hope that he keeps running at this level."

Valencia will have to wait several months before Boy Of Summer is back in California. He is spending the spring in Jones, Oklahoma, with trainer Brandon Parum to prepare for the Oklahoma Maturity and Speedhorse Derby.

"It'll be a test to see whether he can do it again, and do it on more than one track," Downing said.

"We are having a great time with him," he added. "In fact, we have had a fun time with all of our Paint Horses. The breed keeps getting better and better all the time."



Boy Of Summer, owned by the Painted Pitchfork, crossed the wire first in each of his races during 2003. The gelding has broken two track records, and he continues to deliver more than his owners and trainer ever imagined.

Boy Of Summer

Bay solid gelding, 2001

Owner and Breeder: The Painted Pitchfork of Rifle, Colorado

Trainer: Samantha Valencia

Jockeys: Joe Badilla, Jr.; Cody Jensen

Boy Of Summer	Meter Me Gone AQHA	The Signature	Noholme II (TB)
	Summer Gold	Lady Meter Reader	Mable Chick Too
		Bully Bullion AQHA	Beduino (TB)
		Indian Summer Too	Chronometer
			Special Effort
			Mary Poppins
			Indians Image
			Summer Too

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	4	4 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	\$34,244
Lifetime	4	4 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	\$34,244

In 2003: 1st—Starburst Futurity RG2

Carols Treasure

Champion Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old Filly

Sorrel solid filly, 2001

Breeder: Mr Bar None Ranch, Inc. of Wagoner, Oklahoma

Owner: John C. Sperry of Garden Grove, California

Trainer: Paul Jones

Jockeys: Victor Diaz, Alejandro Luna, Ramon Sanchez

Carols Treasure	Treasured Too	Easy Jet Too	Easy Jet AQHA
		Treasure Glass AQHA	Indian Music
	Zelmas Dash AQHA	Royal Quick Dash	Raise Your Glass (TB)
		Zelma Zevi	Kathy's Fool
			First Down Dash
			Harems Choice
			Zevi (TB)
			Miss Mighty None

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	8	3 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	\$59,002
Lifetime	8	3 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	\$59,002

In 2003: 1st—Masterpiece Paint Futurity RG1,
 2nd—Red Sky Futurity G3

**Champion Breeding Stock 3-Year-Old
Champion Breeding Stock
3-Year-Old Gelding**

My Name Is Joe

Something that started out as fun has delivered so much more to Jim and Linda Whitener of Cleveland, Texas.

For the second year in a row, the Whiteners' prized gelding, My Name Is Joe, has made the champion ranks. The 4-year-old red roan was named APHA's Champion Running Breeding Stock 3-Year-Old and the Champion Running Breeding Stock 3-Year-Old Gelding for the 2003 racing season. In 2002, "Joe" was voted the World Champion Breeding Stock, the Champion Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old and the Champion Breeding Stock 2-Year-Old Gelding.

"Who would have thought a little colt raised out in a little mud hole would've done something like this," Jim said. "We are elated."

The Whiteners were rookies to Paint racing, in 2002, running Joe, but they were still successful. That trend carried through 2003.

"My wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it," Jim said. "The good part of it is that we've made money doing it."

Even though it is for fun, Joe's lifetime earnings of \$91,219 were a pretty penny for the couple. Joe's 3-year-old season contributed \$23,049 of that amount.

The gelding's best race of that season was at the Paint Stallion Breeders Association (PSBA) Derby at Remington Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he took second to 2003 World Champion Running Paint Treasured Judy in 20.34 seconds.

Joe's fastest time was earned at the Masterpiece Paint Derby (RG1) in December 2003 at Los Alamitos Race Course in Los Alamitos, California. He finished third with a time of :17.70.

The Whiteners sold Joe to their trainer, Brandon Parum, in January. Parum said he plans to run Joe in the Oklahoma Maturity. He will run the gelding in mostly stakes races. He may take him to Houston for some races.



My Name Is Joe earned champion status for the second year in a row and ran his best race of 2003 at the PSBA Derby at Remington Park. "Joe's" lifetime earnings total nearly \$100,000.

My Name Is Joe

Red Roan solid gelding, 2000

Breeders and Owners: Linda and James Whitener of Cleveland, Texas

Trainers: Brandon Parum, Carlos Lopez

Jockeys: Alex Baldillez, Jr.; Alex Bautista; G.R. Carter

My Name Is Joe	Judys Lineage	Special Lineage (TB)	Alydar
	Three Ohs Dondi	Judys Chick	Champagne Woman
		Heza Three Ohs AQHA	Walters Chick
	Dondi Deck (TB)	The Lady Sadie AQHA	Three Oh's
		Berrenda Blaze	Top Deck
			Lynne Charge

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	11	2(0)	4 (1)	2 (2)	\$22,850
Lifetime	18	7(3)	6 (1)	2 (2)	\$91,220

In 2003: 2nd—PSBA Derby RG1, 3rd—Speedhorse Paint and Appaloosa Derby RG1, Masterpiece Paint Derby RG1

Floater

Champion Breeding Stock 3-Year-Old Colt

Brown solid stallion, 2000

Breeder: John T.L. Jones, Jr. Interests Ltd. of Lexington, Kentucky

Owner: Edward C. Allred of Los Alamitos, California

Trainer: Kelly Lewis

Jockeys: Eddie Garcia, Ramon Guce, Cody Jensen, Alejandro Luna, Samuel Thompson

Floater	Salt Lake (TB)	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
		Take Lady Anne	Mint Copy
	Julie Jan	Schaufuss (TB)	Queen City Lad
		Rebas Daughter	Lovita H.
			Nureyev
			Leliza
			Phone Trick (TB)
			Reba McIntyre

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	5	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	\$8,830
Lifetime	10	2 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	\$15,560

In 2003: 2nd—Donner Summit Stakes G3, 3rd—Grass Valley Stakes

Star Trace

Champion Breeding Stock 3-Year-Old Filly

Bay solid filly, 2000

Breeders: James and Aloha Humphrey of Idaho Falls, Idaho

Owner: Guy D. Weimer of Laurel, Montana

Trainers: Donna Cronquist, Rocky Cronquist

Jockeys: Jim Balls, Tony Bennett, Chris Bowen, Dirk Crane, Wes Smith

Star Trace	Treasured	Easy Jet Too	Easy Jet AQHA
		Treasure Glass AQHA	Indian Music
	Amazing Trace AQHA	Speckled Trace	Raise Your Glass (TB)
		Dads Poco	Kathy's Fool
		Three Oh's	Speckled Hen
			Big Order (TB)
			Bit O Charm

Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	9	8 (2)	1 (0)	0 (0)	\$13,261
Lifetime	12	9 (2)	2 (0)	0 (0)	\$14,464

In 2003: 1st—Idaho Cup Derby, Montana Paint Championship Derby G3

Champion Aged Breeding Stock
Champion Aged Breeding Stock Gelding

Kick This

Paint racing runs thick in the Hester and Basham families of Inola, Oklahoma. Proof of that was Kick This earning his 2003 titles of Champion Aged Breeding Stock and Champion Aged Breeding Stock Gelding.

“We’d been keeping track and really wanted to get this honor,” said owner Michael Hester. “But, we were still tickled to find out he’d actually won it.”

“Kick’s” lifetime earnings total \$36,676. The solid bay gelding earned that in 19 starts—which resulted in seven firsts, two seconds and five thirds.

“He does whatever you want him to do,” Hester said. “He’s got that competitive spirit and always performs well.”

From the get-go, Hester had a gut feeling that Kick would be a winner.

“I knew he could run,” Hester said. “The main thing is that he is just a nice horse with a lot of heart.”

In 2003, Kick won the 350-yard Oklahoma Paint Maturity (RG1) with a time of :18.28, at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. The gelding was second in the 400-yard Olympia Joe Handicap (G1) in :20.14.

As a 2-year-old, he won the 2001 APHA National Breeding Stock Championship Futurity at Blue Ribbon Downs in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, for owners Hester and James Basham.

“It’s been a fun couple of years,” Hester said.

Hester, who is the son of 2003 Leading Owner of Money-Earning Paints Sammy Hester of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has an extensive background in the racing industry, and Basham is Hester’s father-in-law. It’s been a family affair, and Hester has enjoyed every minute of partnering with his father-in-law and running Kick.

“We bought him from my wife’s family,” Hester said. “So, he really is part of the family.”

Hester and Basham will continue running Kick for the next couple of years.



Remington Park

Kick This's success has sealed the family bond between owners Michael Hester and James Basham's families. "Kick" won the Oklahoma Paint Maturity (RG1) with a time of :18.28 at Remington Park in July of 2003.

Kick This

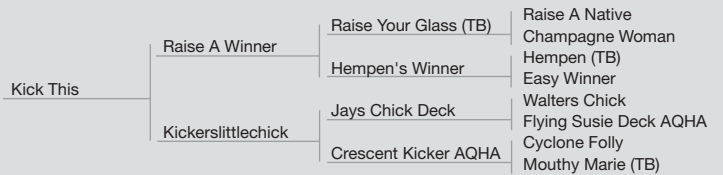
Bay solid gelding, 1999

Breeders: H.T. and Kay Churchwell of Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Owners: Michael Hester and James Basham of Inola, Oklahoma

Trainer: Clint Crawford

Jockeys: Mike Harvell, Denise Lambeth, Jacky Martin



Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	6	2 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	\$14,124
Lifetime	19	7 (2)	2 (1)	5 (2)	\$36,676

In 2003: 1st—Oklahoma Paint Maturity RG1, 2nd—Olympia Joe Handicap G1, 3rd—Spots and Dots Stakes

Streakin Snowball

Champion Aged Breeding Stock Stallion

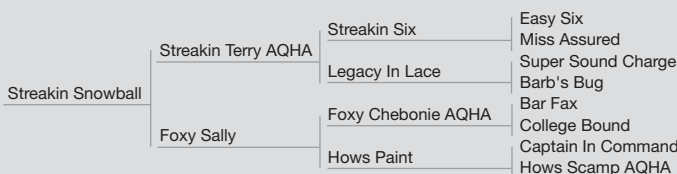
Palomino solid stallion, 1999

Breeder: Jim W. Harris of Morris, Oklahoma

Owner: Herb E. Branum of Morris, Oklahoma

Trainer: Jim Harris

Jockey: Curtis Winkle



Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	2	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	\$5,016
Lifetime	6	2 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	\$11,130

Judys Cash

Champion Aged Breeding Stock Mare

Gray solid mare, 1999

Breeder: Jimmy L. Brewer of Shawnee, Oklahoma

Owner: Dr. Steve Burns, D.V.M. of Menifee, California

Trainer: Paul Jones

Jockeys: Victor Diaz, Alejandro Luna, Ramon Sanchez



Year	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2003	4	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (1)	\$7,625
Lifetime	18	6 (3)	5 (3)	3 (1)	\$70,708

In 2003: 2nd—Carson Pass Stakes G3, 3rd—Lake Tahoe Stakes

Partners move up ranks as 2003 leading owners

By Amy Train

Sammy Hester and Charles Trochta of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have stepped in to fill the bill as the new leading owners in 2003. They follow a remarkable predecessor—Herbert Graham of Gardendale, Texas, who held the leading owner title for six years.

"I have all the respect for Herb and [his wife] Ginger in the world," Hester said. "This gives me a thrill that I can come up here with four little mares [which Hester uses for breeding] and win this honor.

"Everyone really looks at Herb in awe and admiration. He's done a lot with Paint Horses. He breeds the way a horse should be bred. It's hard to beat a stable like that."

Hester said his small operation pales in comparison to Graham's established business.

In 2003, Hester and Trochta's six starters earned a combined \$92,301. Graham was second on the list with \$89,647.

Hester and Trochta took the leading owner title during a season when they happened to be in the right place at the right time, Hester said.

"Things have just seemed to fall into place," he said. "I've always been told that timing is everything. We just kept prodding away and eventually everything came together."

Even though Hester and Trochta had horses with injuries during the 2003 racing season, they overcame those obstacles and moved up the ranks.

"Charlie and [jockey] Larry Payne just stayed with me," Hester said. "That's all you can ask."

In 2002, the duo finished seventh on the Leading Owners of Money-Earning Paints list. Their six-position climb up the ladder was largely in part to Bold Bucephalus's win at the Graham Paint Futurity, held October 25 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

"The Graham Paint Futurity was definitely a highlight and should be for any Paint Horse owner," Hester said.

"Bo," a 3-year-old dun tobiano, is one horse that came back from an injury, and he returned and proved his stamina by winning the Graham Futurity in 17.84 seconds.

The victory put \$52,091 of the nearly \$150,000 purse in the owners' pockets.

Running in California during 2003 also provided some highlights for the owners.

Treasured Form, a 4-year-old solid sorrel gelding, broke a track record at the 2003 Sutter Creek Stakes (G3) at Los Alamitos Race Course, setting the marker at :17.59. Sheza Fast Chick finished second in the Masterpiece Derby (RG1) on December 19 at Los Alamitos, in :17.66.

Hester has also established himself as a Paint Horse trainer, earning the fifth spot on the 2003 Leading Trainers of Money-Earning Paints list, with earnings of \$74,634.

Hester and Trochta's backgrounds in relation to horses were quite different. Hester has been around horses all his life. Meanwhile, Trochta was not a horse person—but he has a beneficial interest now.



Charles Trochta and Sammy Hester of Tulsa, Oklahoma, took over as Leading Owners.

Graham's hard work continues to bring success

By Amy Train

With more than 20 broodmares, a 160-acre ranch in Odessa, Texas, and three remarkable stallions standing at three farms, Herbert Graham has proven his strength in the Paint racehorse breeding world.

Graham's work with his wife, Ginger, at his side has earned him the title of APHA's 2003 Leading Breeder of Money-Earning Paints for the sixth consecutive year.

"I had no idea, or had even dreamed when I started, that this would be as good as it has been," said Graham of Gardendale, Texas. "I was hoping, but never knew it would really all come together as it has."

After all, his switch from racing Quarter Horses to mostly Paints began with the influence of legendary trainer the late Lewis Wartchow.

The two have had a phenomenal impact on the Paint racing industry.

Some of the world champion and champion starters that Graham's breeding program has produced include: Texas Hero, Texas Wildcat, Dakota Jackson, White Lace and Verona.

In Graham's eyes, his true success began with two-time World Champion Texas Hero, who is now 13. The bay tobiano stallion was instrumental in kick-starting Graham's racing stock to the level it is at today. The breeder's combined lifetime earnings total \$1,136,042.

"I would say the biggest factors in my success would be Lewis [Wartchow] and then Texas Hero," Graham said. "I cannot stress enough how much Lewis played in the success that I've had."

Texas Hero, who is standing at Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma, was sired by Raise A Jet and is out of Breakaway Baby. Without Breakaway Baby, who has produced many champions, Graham said none of this ever could have happened, either. Raise A Jet is also owned by Graham and is standing at Southwest Stallion Station in Elgin, Texas.

Graham said that when he ran Texas Hero at Blue Ribbon Downs as a 2-year-old, the Paint Horse beat four Quarter Horses in his first start.

"I knew I had a runner from day one," the breeder said.

Graham's third stallion standing at stud is Lonesome Hero, an 8-year-old brown tobiano and a Texas Hero son. He is at Belle Mere Farm in Norman, Oklahoma.

With all of his hard work, pedigree matching, research and breeding of successful Paint racehorses, Graham has proven his technique as the leading breeder in the industry.

"I study the pedigrees and spend a lot of time trying to match up the bloodlines," Graham said. "It's very fulfilling. I love doing it."



Lone Star Park

Herbert Graham, right, of Gardendale, Texas, continues his reign as leading breeder.