

Bluegrass Thoroughbred



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It's Definitely a "Bull" Market

Bwana Bull needn't bother with china shops, as he's a force to be reckoned with on the racetrack. After an impressive allowance victory at Golden Gate on December 29th, the Holy Bull colt dusted the field in the *California Derby* - winning it easily by 5 lengths.

The Thoroughbred Times says: "...After a visually impressive five-length win in the \$150,000 California Derby on January 28, a Holy Bull colt named **Bwana Bull** most likely will not go unnoticed on the 2007 Triple Crown trail..."

He's now gone on to graded stakes victory - winning the \$200,000 G3 *El Camino Real Derby* on March 10th and is headed for either the G1 *Santa Anita Derby* or the G2 *Illinois Derby*.

Bwana Bull (2004 c. by Holy Bull out of Shahalo by Halo) was purchased out of our 2005 Keeneland September Yearlings consignment for \$150,000.



English Channel wins the G1 Woodford Reserve Horsephotos

Sedgefield was sold by BTSI in the 2004 Keeneland November Sale for \$100,000 (2004 c. by Smart Strike out of Belva by Theatrical (IRE)). He is trained by Darrin Miller.



From yearling...



to Derby winner!

Sedgefield - Will he be another English Channel?

ENGLISH CHANNEL's reputation precedes him - no one would dare question his fantastic ability, with earnings of over \$2.7 m., or begrudge him his four graded stakes wins, three of them G1s. You may not remember, however, that English Channel didn't make his mark until July of his 3yo year. He had an uneventful 2yo year - broke his maiden in his 1st start, finished 4th in an allowance next out, then disappeared for over a year. He won his 1st stake in May of his 3yo campaign, but didn't catch the G3 win until the *Virginia Derby* in July of that year (2005). And, although **Sedgefield** isn't walking exactly in his 1/2-brother's shoes, having run every month since his 1st start in October, his career reminds us of the slow buildup to the pinnacle. A month after breaking his maiden, he finished 2nd in the G3 *Tropical Park Derby*, missing by 3/4 length. His last outing was a 2nd place finish in the *Hallandale Beach S.*, again just missing - this time by 1/2 length. We should see him on March 24th at Turfway - in either the G2 *Lane's End* or the G2 *Rushaway S.* If all goes well there, he could come out from his brother's shadow and make his mark in the race for the Triple Crown.



BTSI specializes in buying and syndicating race fillies for clients.

One of the most successful examples has been Chuck Miller's fantastic group of four fillies:

There's just Somethinaboutlaura...

After finishing 3rd in the G2 *El Encino* at Santa Anita in January 2006, then winning the *Foster City H.* on February 4th in her next start, **Somethinaboutlaura** made headlines. She raised more eyebrows when she not only topped the Fasig-Tipton February Mixed Sale 9 days later, but broke the record for the highest price ever given for a horse in that sale, bringing \$375,000. But, boy - was she ever worth it. She has already paid for herself - earning \$385,940 since her purchase.

Purchased by Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services on behalf of a syndicate including Charles Miller, retired CEO of Avery Dennison, & John Sikura, Somethinaboutlaura has run in Mr. Miller's signature silks (blue with white 'M') to capture the G2 *A Gleam H.* in July 2006, the *Pacific Heights H.* at Golden Gate in September, the *California Cup Match H.* at Oak Tree in October, and the *Autumn Leaves H.* at Bay Meadows in November. This super-talented filly finished 2nd in the *Kalookan Queen H.* on December 28th, and defended her title vaillantly taking the *Foster City H.* by 4 1/4 lengths on February 24th, 2007.

Somethinaboutlaura (2002 m. by Dance Floor out of Crystal of Ice by It's Freezing) is owned in partnership by John Sikura, Chuck Miller, and George Todaro and is trained by Jerry Hollendorfer.



Potra Clasica preps for the G3 *Suwannee River H.* at Gulfstream



She's certainly been a 'Highlight'

Chuck Miller's **Silver Highlight** is another one of the stable's outstanding gems. Purchased privately at a reasonable price in July of 2005 in England. She broke her maiden in the \$250,000 *Wonder Where S.* at Woodbine first out. She has since been stakes-placed three more times, including 2nd in the G3 *Sixty Sails H.* at Hawthorne last spring, and missing just by a nose in the *Maple Leaf S.* at Woodbine in November. She's currently on layoff, and will be back in racing action in Canada over the summer.

Silver Highlight (2002 m. by Silver Charm out of Rare Opportunity by Danzig Connection) is owned in partnership by Denis Caslon and Charles Miller and is trained by Ed Freeman.

Potra Clasica: Would you like some "cheese" with that "wine?"

Another Miller filly - **Potra Clasica (ARG)** began her career under BTSI management racing under the banner of M2 Stable, LLC. After winning the *Charon H.* at Calder in December 2005, and the \$150,000 *Hollywood Wildcat Breeders' Cup H.* on April 2006, Chuck Miller purchased her from M2 Stable.

For Mr. Miller, she has won the *Liberada S.*, the *Connie Ann S.*, she finished 3rd in the G3 *Suwannee River H.* on February 3rd, and was just 2nd by a head after a wide trip in the *Wayward Lass* on March 3rd.

Potra Clasica (2001 m. by Potrillon (ARG) out of Is You Class by Judger) was purchased for \$50,000 from Argentina in the Fall of 2005 by John Stuart for M-2 Stable, and has been a tremendous and exciting success for all of her connections. She is trained by Marty Wolfson.



Triple Crown Watch: **GREAT HUNTER**

He broke his maiden at Lone Star last June and never looked back. He is currently his sire's major claim to fame and thus Aptitude's 'golden boy.' It's one thing to say that a horse has never missed the board - quite another to say his 'worst' finish was 3rd in the G1 *Breeders' Cup Juvenile*.

Great Hunter continues to impress everyone, especially after his decisive victory in the G2 *Robert Lewis* on March 3rd.

It's all in the family -

Good friend and client of John & Peter's - Peggy Augustus of Keswick Stables, can claim the original rights to fame for **Great Hunter** by breeding his dam, SW and G3SP **ZENITH**. Peggy owned Zenith's dam, **SEQUINS**, and BTSI sold Zenith's 1/2-brother by Harlan's Holiday last year at Saratoga for \$125,000.

Great Hunter is owned by J. Paul Reddam and trained by Doug O'Neale. Record 8-3-4-1, \$750,000 in earnings.



**No "monkey's uncle"
colt by Harlan's Holiday out of
Sequins**

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**Daytime Promise wins the *Busanda S.*
Adam Coglianese**

The Promise of Another "Day"

BTSI graduate and homebred (with co-breeder Cary Grady) **Daytime Promise** (2003 f. by Five Star Day out of Roan Promise by Wise Exchange, sold 2004 KeeSep for \$27,000) still has lots of run left in her! She hasn't won a stake since last January, but she rarely misses the board. Most recently 2nd in the *Rare Treat H.* February 24th, she also ran 3rd in the *Lady on the Run S.* January 31st. She is set to run in the *Lucky Lucky Lucky S.* at Aqueduct on March 16th.

Daytime Promise is trained by Gary Contessa and is owned by Darlene Bilinski & H. Patten. Look for her 2yo1/2-sister by Century City, the last offspring of SW **Roan Promise**, in the Timonium May 2yo Sale at Fasig-Tipton.



We 'Dread' it 'naught'

More than a sentimental favorite, MG2SW **Dreadnaught** has been an outstanding performer on the turf for four years and counting - and loves to make us sit on the edge of our seats. Kentucky's 'comeback' basketball team's got nothing on him. At four, he won the G2 *Red Smith H.* and the G2 *W.L. McKnight H.* - both in fantastic 'come-from-behind' fashion and tight finishes. At five, he continued to run in competitive stakes, and won the *Laurel Turf Cup* in November.

In 2006, he finished a close 2nd in two G2 races. He was just recently 2nd in the G2 *Mac Diarmida* at Gulfstream on January 28th, missing by just over 1 length.

Dreadnaught (2000 g. by Lac Ouimet out of Wings of Dreams by Sovereign Dancer) was purchased by Trillium Stable out of BTSI's 2000 Keeneland November Breeding Stock consignment for \$15,500. He continues to race for Trillium Stable and is trained by Thomas Voss.



Dreadnaught takes them to task in the *Laurel Turf Cup*, November 2005

Just don't call him "Lightweight"

Jerry and Caroline Stautberg expected great things from their homebred Grand Slam colt when he went through the ring at Saratoga in 2001 for \$260,000. He took his time, but lived up to his billing in great form.

At five, he won the *Sport City H.* - his first stakes win. After placing in three more stakes in 2005, he garnered his 2nd stakes victory in the *Maxxam Gold Cup H.* in January 2006. He just ran 3rd in the *Delta Mile* on March 2nd.

Middleweight (2000 g. by Grand Slam out of Dusty Gloves by Run Dusty Run) is owned by Peter Gaffney and Stewart Madison and is trained by Al Stall, Jr.



Middleweight in the *Maxxam Gold Cup*

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A Southern Belle goes out West to be a star



Dixie Crisp

Hip No.
615

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, Agent
Dark Bay or Brown Filly

Dark Bay/Br. Filly
March 16, 2004



By DIXIELAND BAND (1980), \$441,320. Sire of 19 crops, 105 black type wnrns, 677 wnrns, \$54,717,817 & \$115,337 (Can), including Drum Taps [G1] (champion), Dixie Union [G1] (\$1,233,190), Bowman's Band [G2] (\$1,315,774), Del Mar Dennis [G2] (\$1,023,373), Snake Eyes [G3] (\$908,765), Stark South (\$698,592 in NA), Spinning Round [G1].

1st dam
TWO STEP TRUDY, by Capote. Dam of 2 other foals of racing age, including a 3-year-old of 2006, one to race--
Templet (c. by Souvenir Copy). Winner at 4, placed at 5, 2005 in England.

2nd dam
PROFESSIONAL DANCE, by Nijinsky II. Unraced. Dam of 5 winners, incl.--
FORLI'S TANGO (c. by Forli). 6 wins, 3 to 7, \$82,638, Chanhassen S.
NINJA DANCER (c. by Miswaki). 2 wins at 2 in England, Bovis Autumn II S.; placed at 3 and 4 in Ireland.
Alliage. Winner in 4 starts at 2 and 3 in France. Dam of--
SIR ALFRED (c. by St. Jovite). 5 wins, 2 to 7, 2005, \$211,230, Ascot H. [G3], 2nd Bay Meadows Derby [G3], etc.
Million Air. 9 wins, 3 to 7, \$162,231.

3rd dam
PERFECTA, by Swaps. Winner at 3. Sister to **FATHERS IMAGE**, half-sister to **TOSMAH** (\$612,588, champion at 2 and 3, champion handicap mare), **HALO** (\$259,553, sire), **MARIBEAU** (sire). Dam of--
Bold Royal. 3 wins at 2, \$19,980.
Suprina. Unraced. Dam of 9 foals, 8 to race, 7 winners, including--
L'EMIGRANT. 5 wins in France, champion miler, Poule d'Essai des Poulains-French Two Thousand Guineas-G1, Prix Lupin-G1, etc.; placed in 1 start, \$35,340 in N.A., 3rd Man o' War S.-G1. Sire.
SALPINX. 2 wins in France, Prix du Conseil de Paris-G2, etc. Dam of **ZALAZL** (Great Voltigeur S. [G2], etc., sire), **Severini**, **Synefos**, **Sahara Sun** (dam of **SAHARA SLEW** [G2]).
THEATRICIAN. 2 wins in France, 3rd Prix de la Butte Mortemart; winner in Denmark, Pokallob; 3 wins in Sweden, SKS Stora Pris, etc.; winner in Norway, Winge Oslo Cup; placed in 2 starts in Germany.
L'Empire. Winner at 2 in France, 2nd Prix de la Ville de Trouville; winner at 5, \$55,700 in N.A. Sire.
Bank Examiner. Unraced. Dam of **Exit Line** (2nd Prix Petite Etoile, etc.).
Good Contract. Unraced. Granddam of **CYDALIA** (Prix Imprudence, etc.).
Bold Casmah. Dam of **ONE OF ZEN** (\$88,170, Land of Lincoln S.-R, etc.), **Sans Condition**. Dam of **Don't Leave Me**. G'dam of **EYEQ** [G3] (champion in Scandinavia twice, hwt in Germany), **SAUVAGE (FR)** [G2] (to 4, 2005).

Nominated to NATC Futurity.
Breeders' Cup nominated.
KTDF.

Dixie Crisp immediately grabbed attention after clocking the three-way co-fastest work in the 2006 Midlantic Two-year-Olds in Training Sale at Timonium - with 1/4 m. in 21 2/5 seconds. She ended up being the 3rd highest-priced filly from the sale, when John Moynihan, Agent, purchased her for \$250,000.

The filly was returned after bucking shins and purchased privately over the summer by BTSI and syndicated amongst current owners Andrew Rosen (Theory), Jerry Hollendorfer & partners, and Bluegrass Farm Partners.

She shipped to Hollendorfer to begin training with him in California and on February 19th, she came out like a pro - winning a \$30,000 MSW easily by 6 1/2 lengths, with a sensational Ragozin number of 9!

These are the kind of chart notes everyone loves to read about their own horse:

“DIXIE CRISP had the best speed, set all the pace, widened when asked into the stretch and was an impressive winner.”

Dixie Crisp (2004 f. by Dixieland Band out of Two Step Trudy by Capote) is in training at Bay Meadows with Jerry Hollendorfer, and she worked 4 f. on March 14th in :46 flat.



Horses to Watch:

Tasteyville

Fox Ridge Farm owned and bred, this With Approval gelding broke his maiden at Aqueduct last April as a 3yo. He seemed to struggle for awhile, but then was gelded and won another allowance on December 30th, going 1 1/6 m. when asked to go 1 m. again on January 31st, the gelding came up just in time to grab the victory by 1 length. They tried him in a stake on March 3rd - the *Stymie H.*, in which he finished 6th. However, you can look for him to make another stakes appearance soon.

Tasteyville (2003 g. by With Approval out of Rahfee by Rahy) is trained by Pat Kelly and owned by long-time client Fox Ridge Farm.



So Long Sonoma

So Long Sonoma was an impressive yearling at the 2004 Keeneland September Yearlings sale, and she was an even more impressive 3yo maiden. She broke her maiden in her 1st start - a MSW at Santa Anita - beating Beverly Lewis' Forestry filly, a \$725,000 2yo, by a neck. She followed that up with an allowance win at Santa Anita three weeks later, and Derby day last year, she finished 3rd in the G3 *Railbird S.* The filly has been off since that start, but she's coming back with a vengeance. She's recently clocked work-outs of 5 f. in :59 flat, and twice 6 f. in 1:12 2/5.

So Long Sonoma (2003 f. by American Chance out of Valay Bullet by Carnivalay) is owned in partnership by Bluegrass Farm Partners, Burning Daylight Farms, and Bruce Headley and is trained by Bruce Headley.

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