

Denali Stud

BY DEIRDRE B. BILES

“How are you doing, baby?” asked Craig Bandoroff as he grabbed his 11-year-old daughter Isabel and gave her a big hug. “This is what it’s all about,” he added while he and his family savored Animal Kingdom’s victory in the Kentucky Derby Presented By Yum! Brands (gr. I) while attending the post-race party held at the Kentucky Derby Museum May 7.

Derby winner foaled and raised at Craig and Holly Bandoroff’s farm

“We’re very emotional right now,” said Bandoroff, who also brought his wife, Holly, and their two other children—Katherine, 22, and Conrad, 19—to Churchill Downs to see the Run for the Roses.

“This business has been great to us,” Bandoroff continued. “But you have a lot of days when it kicks you in the stomach,

so you live for days like this. It's wonderful to have my whole family here."

Bandoroff, 56, and his wife own Denali Stud, the approximately 700-acre Central Kentucky nursery near Paris where Animal Kingdom was foaled and raised. They also were members of the Team Valor International partnership that bred the colt, but that venture was dissolved.

After Animal Kingdom brought \$100,000 when consigned to the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale by Denali, as agent, the Bandoroffs joined the new partnership formed by his buyer, Team Valor founder and chief executive officer Barry Irwin, to race the son of Leroidesanimaux.

"Barry and I have done business together probably 10 or 15 years," Bandoroff said. "It's been a long association. He always comes up with good horses and in the racing partnership business, in my opinion, he's the best of them all."

Earlier this year Denali and Team Valor formed a strategic alliance. Team Valor boards all of its domestic broodmares at Denali and sells all its horses offered at public auction in this country through the farm. In return, the Bandoroffs are continuing to invest in Team Valor's racing and breeding ventures and they also are working to involve some of their clients in the partnerships.

"Craig is an honest guy," said Irwin during a post-Derby press conference. "I've known him for a long time and I just think he's the greatest. I don't like my horses' lives being screwed around with and Craig will do what I tell him to. I respect Gary Bush (Denali's farm manager/general manager) a ton. They raise a great horse at Denali."

A New Jersey native, Bandoroff is a former jockey. Late in 1974, he was among the top 10 riders in New Jersey, but a racing accident ended his career. A 2-year-old he was aboard, Old Frankfort, tried to jump the inside rail at Garden State Park and when he failed, Bandoroff flipped over the colt's head and fell. Old Frankfort collapsed on Bandoroff, crushing the jockey's right arm.

Bandoroff, who also suffered a punctured right lung, decided he was finished with horses, but later changed his mind. After a long rehabilitation, he attended the University of Virginia before transferring to the University of Kentucky, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and also met his wife.

Bandoroff then took a job with Fasig-Tipton in New York. His wife went to work for entrepreneur and publisher Barry Weisbord and served as his key assistant in operating Executive Bloodstock, a consulting and racehorse portfolio management busi-

ness. Bandoroff eventually joined them and was "the hands-on guy as far as raising and selling the horses," Weisbord told *The Blood-Horse* in 2002.

The couple returned to Kentucky in 1986 and Bandoroff ran the sales operation for Crystal Springs, a farm started by former Hollywood Park chairman R.D. Hubbard and the late Edward Sczesny. In 1990 the Bandoroffs leased barns from Crystal Springs and launched Denali Stud. Their clients included both Hubbard and Weisbord.

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The Bandoroffs' first close professional association with a Derby winner came in 1998, when Real Quiet defeated Victory Gallop by a half-length. Two years previously, the couple had consigned Real Quiet to the Keeneland September yearling sale. Bob Baffert, who would later be elected to racing's Hall of Fame, purchased the colt for Mike Pegram, paying only \$17,000.

A son of Quiet American, Real Quiet won the Preakness (gr. I) and performed well enough to earn an Eclipse Award. But Victory Gallop spoiled his Triple Crown bid in the Belmont Stakes (gr. I).

"That was a different deal from Animal Kingdom," Bandoroff said. "We didn't raise Real Quiet; we just sold him. He was very crooked. He toed out in one front leg a lot. When Baffert bought him, he probably wasn't thinking he was buying a Derby horse. He liked his body and he

(Real Quiet) was going cheap, so Baffert took a shot."

Denali also gained fame in the Thoroughbred business as the home of Serena's Song, who won 11 grade I events and was 1995's champion 3-year-old filly. Sent by the late Bob Lewis and his wife, Beverly, to the Bandoroffs' farm following her retirement from racing, Serena's Song has produced English group I and French group III winner Sophisticat, grade II winners Grand Reward and Harlington, grade III winner Schramsberg, and added-money winner Serena's Tune.

Denali, as agent for the Lewises, sold Sophisticat for \$3.4 million to Demi O'Byrne at the 2000 Keeneland July select yearling auction and another Serena's Song offspring, Colourful Score, for \$3.5 million to Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock manager, John Ferguson, at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale.

In 2004, Denali, again representing the Lewises, sold grade II winner Santa Catarina (in foal to A.P. Indy) for \$4.8 million to Eaton Sales, agent, at the Keeneland November breeding stock auction.

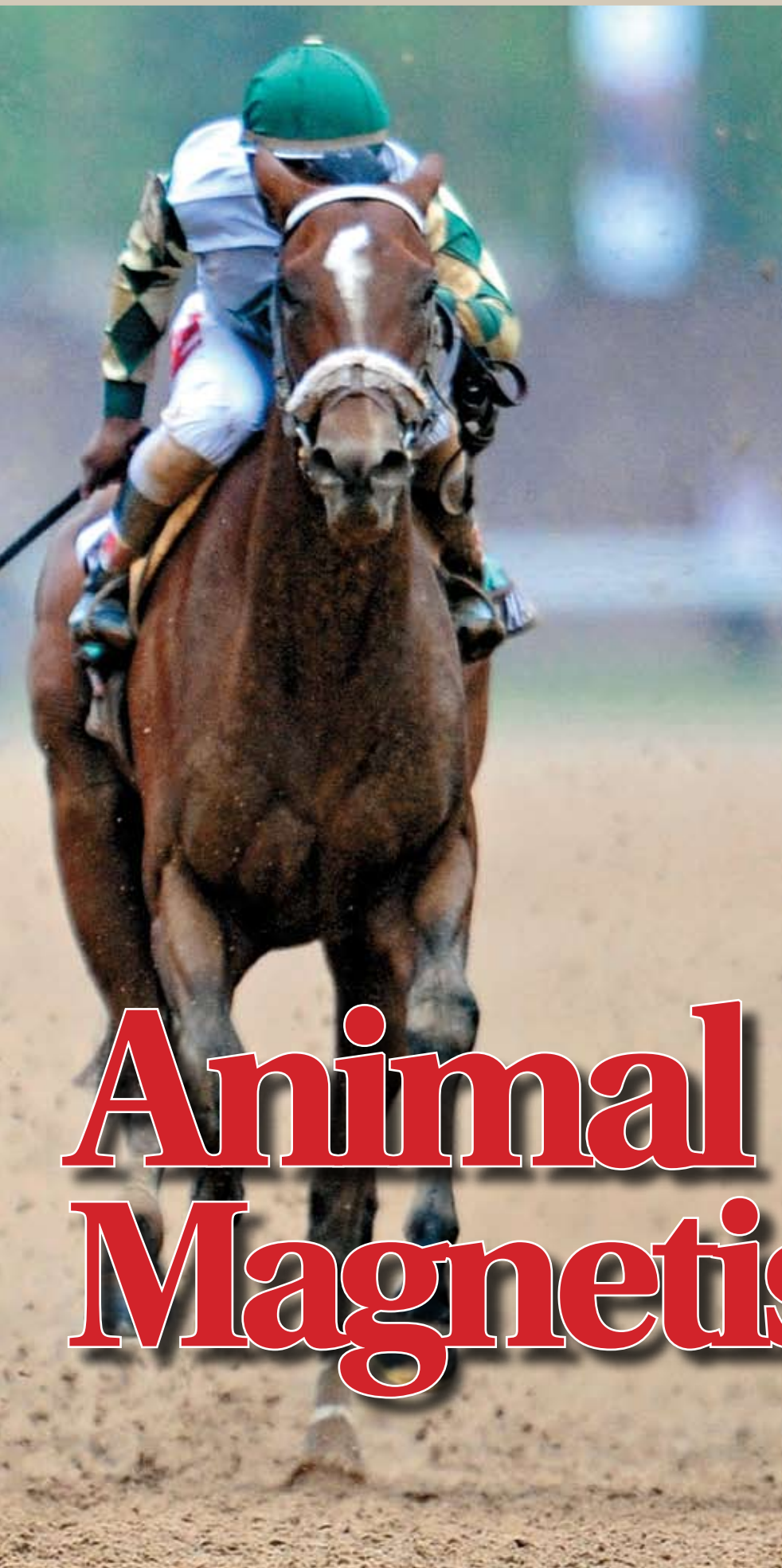
"We have a great team at Denali with Gary Bush, Donnie Snellings, and Theresa Moore, and we've been blessed with a lot of great clients who give us quality horses," Bandoroff said. "May 7 just happened to be Barry Irwin's day. But he's just one of the many clients who have supported us and we're grateful for every one of them."

The Bandoroffs are members of the Team Valor partnership that owns Secret Heart, the dam of 2010 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IIT) winner Pluck, but didn't opt to keep their interest in that colt.

"I made a mistake with that one, but we stayed in on Animal Kingdom, fortunately, even though we normally don't race colts," Bandoroff said. "He was a big, good-looking yearling and that didn't surprise me because his dam (Dalia, who was sold in England in 2009) was a really big, pretty mare."

Animal Kingdom captured the March 26 Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes (gr. III) on Turfway Park's synthetic Polytrack surface and even though he hadn't run on dirt, Bandoroff thought it was possible he would be able to enjoy a Derby win with his family.

"In a year when there were so many injuries and no standout, I thought he had a chance if he could handle the dirt," Bandoroff said. "I knew he would go the (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile) Derby distance and I knew (trainer) Graham Motion had him ready. I said if he did it, I wasn't going to be shocked. But I was shocked he did it so easily. It was a very special moment." 🐾



BY STEVE HASKIN

Graham Motion stood outside Barn 22 the morning of the \$2,171,800 May 7 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) and admitted he had no idea what to expect from Team Valor International's Animal Kingdom, who was about to make his first start on dirt. Motion was well aware that no horse had ever won the Derby making his dirt debut.

RICK SAMUELS

Animal Magnetism

***Animal Kingdom...
and fate...bring together
a winning team for
the Kentucky Derby***



"I just don't know," Motion said. "The statistics are all against him; I feel good about running the horse, but it's such an unknown. I love the horse, I love the way he worked over the dirt, and I love his attitude. He's got everything going for him. It's just that unknown."

But as Jim Morrison said, "There are things known, and there are things un-

known. And in between are the doors."

Later that evening Animal Kingdom burst through one of those doors, and awaiting him on the other side was Kentucky Derby immortality. By powering down the Churchill Downs stretch to a 2¾-length victory in front of a record crowd of 164,658, the unknown had become known. Racing had a new star and a

legitimate Triple Crown threat.

But most of all, his victory unleashed a flood of emotions, a great deal of it resulting from the improbable victory by John Velazquez and the unusual circumstances that led to his winding up on Animal Kingdom.

In the past three years Velazquez has seen his Derby favorite Quality Road withdrawn a week before the race because of a quarter crack, the heavy Derby favorite Eskendereya withdrawn several days before the Derby with a career-ending injury, and this year's early favorite Uncle Mo scratched the morning before the race due to an intestinal ailment.

Although disappointed and frustrated, Velazquez understood that this sport can rip your heart out at any time and you have to learn to come to terms with it.

"What can you do? It's part of racing," Velazquez said later on Derby eve in the quiet of the backstretch. "One year we'll win it when we least expect it."

Never could he have imagined this would be that year.

When Robby Albarado, who was named to ride Animal Kingdom in the Derby, suffered a broken nose after being kicked by a horse May 4 and thought he would be unable to ride Summer Soiree for Motion and Team Valor in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) the day before the Derby, owner and trainer decided not to take any chances, and they replaced Albarado with Velazquez.

"That call to Robby was a tough one to make," Motion said. "But when he took off his mounts on Friday that was a concern, and when Johnny became available, we decided to go with him."

The Derby gods had made an uncharacteristic 11th-hour appearance on the scene. Destiny had somehow brought together Motion and Velazquez, whose families have been close friends for years.

"We met Graham when he worked for Jonathan Sheppard," Velazquez' wife, Leona, recalled. "After he became a trainer and went to Florida for the first year, Johnny rode for him and they struck up a friendship. We became very close to Graham and (his wife) Anita. Then Anita and I became pregnant at the same time and our sons (Michael Velazquez and Chappy Motion) were born two weeks apart, and they're best friends. You can't make it up."

Anita added, "We have dinner together and go to each other's houses. When Animal Kingdom won, the first thing Chappy said to me was, 'Does this mean I get to play with Michael tonight?'"

So, for the first time in Derby history, a jockey lost the mount on one of the favorites the day before the race and wound up being named on the eventual winner.

Add to the script Motion losing his big Derby horse, Toby's Corner, winner of the

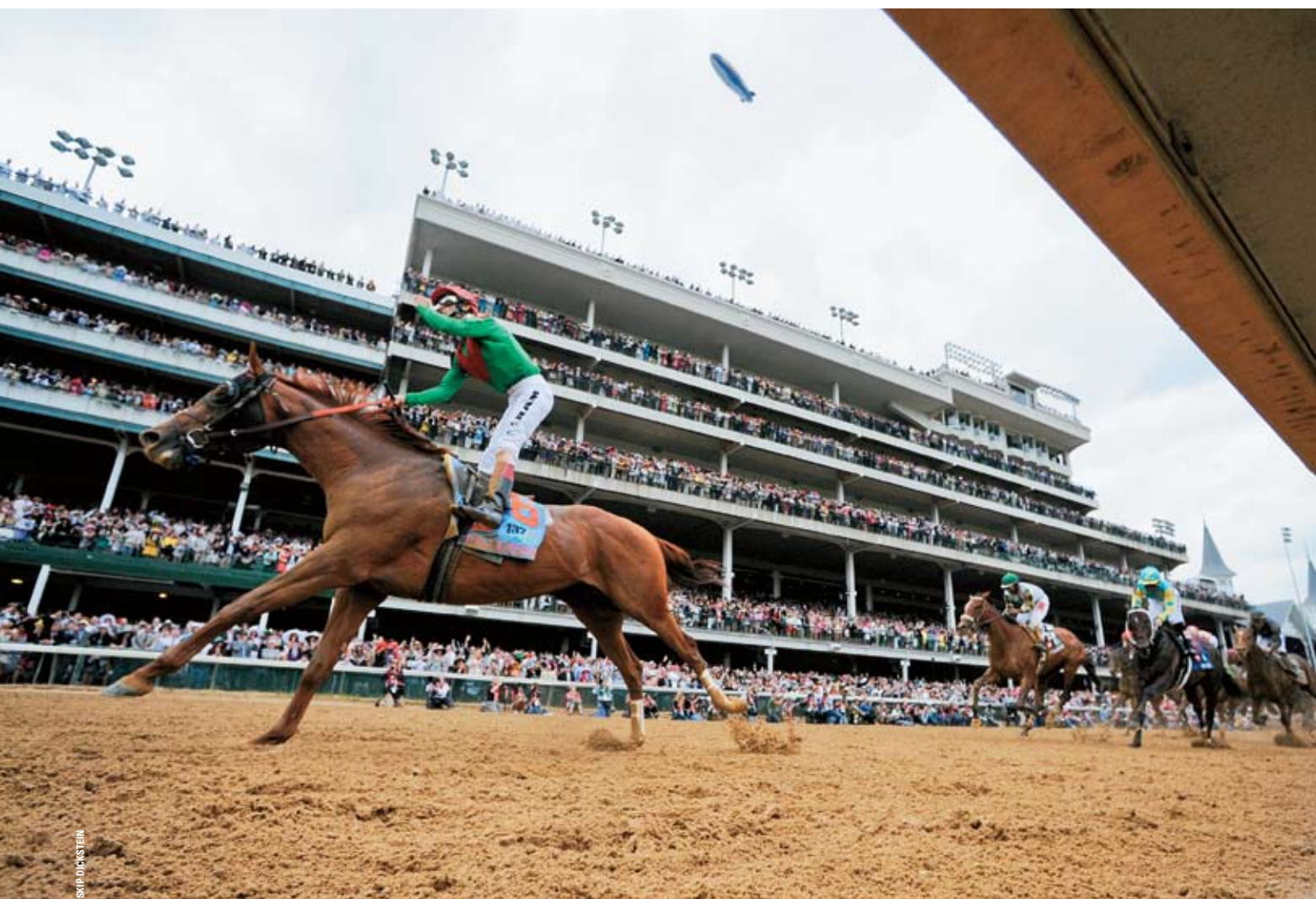
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JOHN VELAZQUEZ



DAVE HARMON

Team Valor International's Barry Irwin



Animal Kingdom crosses the wire before a record crowd on Derby day at Churchill Downs

SAVO DICKSTEIN

Resorts World New York Casino Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I), four days before the race due to injury. Motion described the loss of Toby's Corner as "brutal."

It was no wonder that emotions poured so freely following Animal Kingdom's rousing victory, in which he closed his final half-mile in a spectacular :47¹/₅, the second-fastest closing half ever in the Derby behind that of Secretariat.

Following the race, a stunned Leona was in tears, as was her 12-year-old daughter Lerina. In her hand Leona clutched a wooden cross.

"The only other time I clutched this in my hand was when Rags to Riches won the Belmont Stakes (gr. I)," she said. "I still don't believe this is happening. Up and down. Up and down."

In the jockey's lounge after the race, Lerina was still beaming through her braces, as Michael was off in the corner playing Ping-Pong. "I wasn't expecting this," she said. "I'm in shock. It was really awesome. My brother is only 8, and I hope he remembers this; he was crying hysterically."

Perhaps no one was more emotional than Velazquez' agent, Hall of Fame jockey Angel Cordero.

It was Cordero who discovered Velazquez from a videotape of the then-apprentice rider in action in Puerto Rico. Cordero brought Velazquez to America and mentored the young rider, eventually taking over his book. From the time Velazquez came to this country, he has looked up to Cordero as a father figure. In 2001 Cordero felt his life was over after the tragic hit-and-run death of his wife Marjorie in January. All he had to live for were his children and Velazquez, whom he was determined to make one of the great riders of all time. Cordero said it was Velazquez and that quest that helped keep his life together.

Now both are inscribed in the history books as Kentucky Derby winners.

"He's like my son," said a visibly shaken Cordero. "I know how much I've dreamt this for him and how much I've wanted it. After what's happened the last three years, I could see he was down. When I saw him

coming down the stretch, I wished I could fly down there and ride that horse with him. When he crossed the wire, I had tears in my eyes. I was yelling so hard I thought I was going to have a heart attack. It's just destiny. It's like a movie script."

But the real hero was Animal Kingdom, who was bred by Team Valor International, which keeps only eight broodmares. Another Team Valor-bred horse from the same crop is Pluck, who captured last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IIT) for trainer Todd Pletcher. It was after that race that Team Valor president Barry Irwin decided to keep all its horses at Fair Hill with one trainer and sent them to Graham Motion, whom he regards as a "helluva trainer." One of those was Animal Kingdom, a son of Leroidesanimaux—Dalia, by Acatenango, who had been trained by Wayne Catalano.

Standing by the gap on the Monday before the Derby, Catalano recalled the immature chestnut colt sent to him by Team Valor.

"He came from Randy Bradshaw along



with another colt who was more advanced,” Catalano recalled. “Barry said to take my time with him. He was just a big, green, backward ‘Baby Huey’ type of horse, so we took our time with him. He didn’t want to do much until we put a set of blinkers on him.”

Bradshaw always thought Animal Kingdom would handle dirt by the way he trained over it as a young horse.

“I told Barry both he and Pluck were really nice horses, but my gut feeling told me Animal Kingdom will be better on dirt,” Bradshaw said.

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RANDY BRADSHAW

In his career debut Sept. 18, he came from 10th and last in a 1¹/₁₆-mile maiden race over Arlington Park’s Polytrack to finish second before breaking his maiden going 1¹/₈ miles over Polytrack at Keeneland Oct. 23.

“When he won the second start of his life the way he did going a mile and an eighth, I knew he was a Derby horse,” Bradshaw said.

But that race marked the end of Animal Kingdom’s stay in Catalano’s care.



Trainer Graham Motion, flanked by his family, lifts the Derby trophy; below, left, Animal Kingdom handles the dirt just fine



“A short while later Barry called me and said he wanted to have all his horses in one spot and was sending them to Graham Motion,” Catalano said. “You’re always disappointed when you think you’ve got something special. But I’m happy to see him do well and that we kept everything good and didn’t mess him up.”

Motion put Animal Kingdom on the grass, and he was beaten a head in a one-mile allowance/optional claimer at Gulfstream. It was time for the fates to take over once again. The plan was to run another colt, Crimson China, in the Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes (gr. III) on the Polytrack at Turfway Park and run Animal Kingdom on the same card in the listed Rushaway Stakes. But when Crimson China didn’t have sufficient earnings to get in the race, they switched and ran Animal Kingdom in the Spiral and Crimson China in the Rushaway.

Animal Kingdom’s 2³/₄-length victory put him in the Kentucky Derby.

“In life, everything has to fit together,” Irwin said. “It’s nice to have the goods; it’s nice to be intelligent, but unless things go your way and you’re lucky, it’s not going to happen.”

SKIP DICKSTEIN PHOTOS



CRAWFORD ISLAND

The Derby field turns for home with three leaders, from right, Shackleford, Comma to the Top, and Nehro; at left, Animal Kingdom had a super work April 30 at Churchill Downs



ANNIE M. EBERHARDT

It didn't take long for Animal Kingdom to become a favorite in the barn.

"He's such a character and has the coolest personality," Heather Craig, who began exercising the colt just before the Spiral, said a week before the Derby. "Originally, his exercise rider in Florida, Jodie Petty, would kick him in the belly to get him to go, and he would just turn around and go, 'Really?'"

"But since the Spiral, he's been training like a machine, with these huge, bounding strides. Now he's a true racehorse and tugs his regular exercise rider David Nava around the racetrack."

Those bounding strides didn't escape the eagle eye on Bob Baffert, who had Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) winner Midnight Interlude. "That's the horse," Baffert said emphatically about Animal Kingdom after watching him work six furlongs in 1:13 April 30 and observing his subsequent gallops.

It was that six-furlong work, following an unproductive work that didn't go as planned a week earlier, that convinced Motion and Irwin to point for the Kentucky Derby.

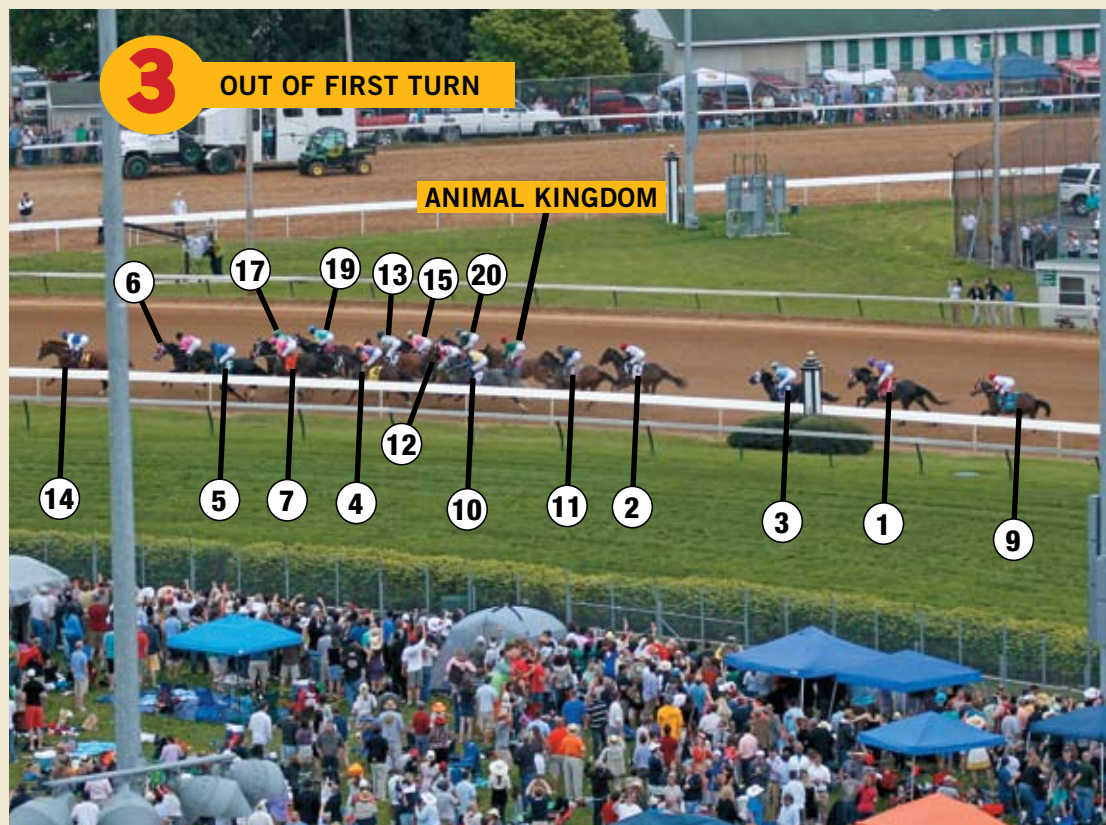
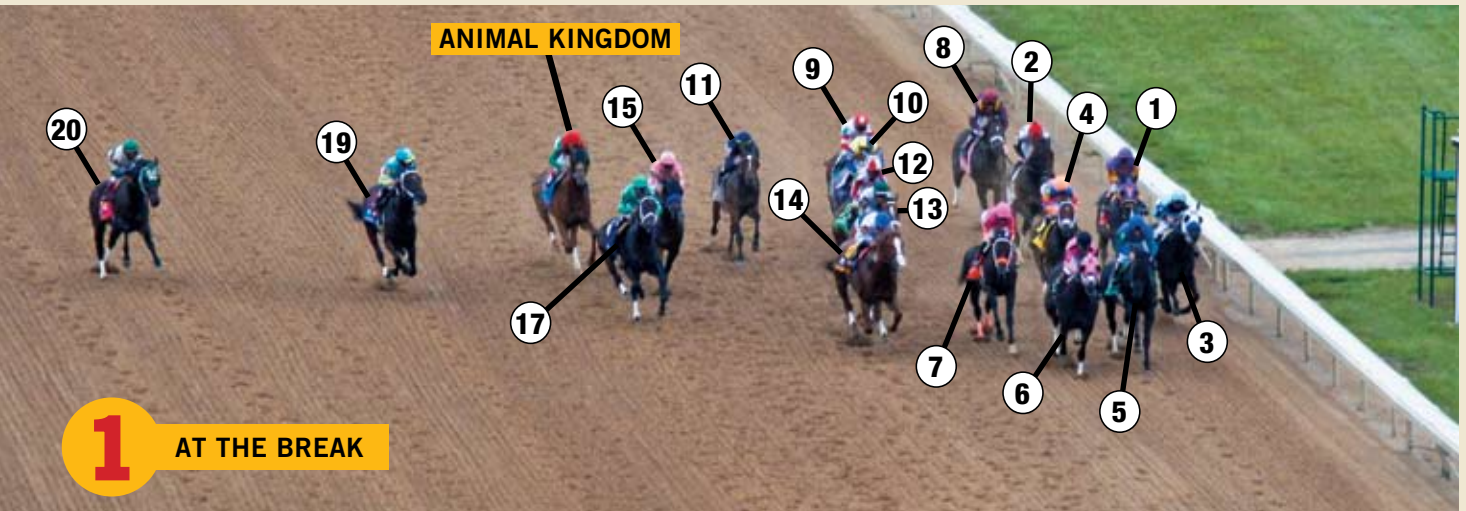
"If he hadn't shown us what he did, we wouldn't have run him in the Derby,"

Irwin said.

The 137th Kentucky Derby provided its share of human interest stories. The most publicized was trainer Kathy Ritvo, who had been near death before receiving a heart transplant that saved her life, and Mucho Macho Man, who was believed to be dead at birth but miraculously jumped to his feet and ran off across the paddock. Then there was longtime local favorite William "Jinks" Fires and his son-in-law and jockey Jon Court competing in their first Kentucky Derby with Arkansas Derby (gr. I) winner Archrarch. There was 23-year-old jockey Rosie Napravnik with a legitimate chance to become the first female rider to win the Kentucky Derby, on Louisiana Derby (gr. II) winner Pants On Fire.

One trainer who has been dreaming about the Derby since he was a child is Dale Romans, who grew up only three miles from Churchill Downs and now occupies the barn from which his father had trained for a combined 40 years between them. Romans was confident in his colt, Florida Derby (gr. I) runner-up Shackleford, whom he was planning to send to the lead and dare someone to try to catch.

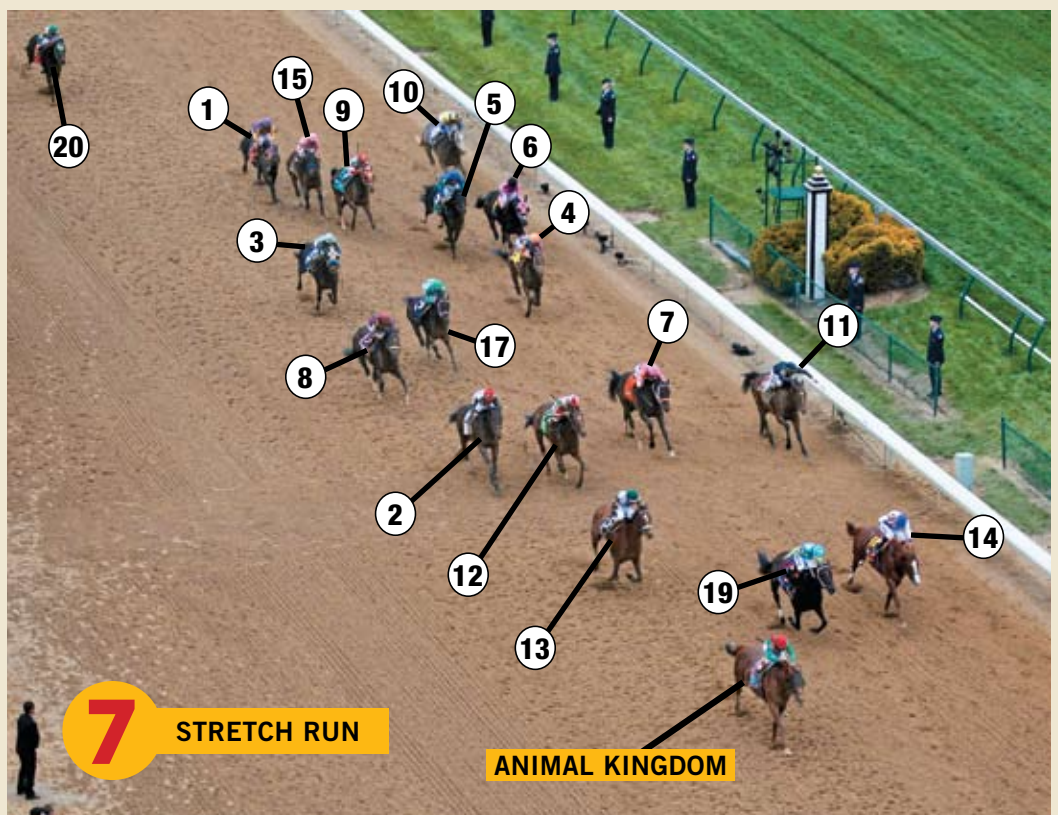
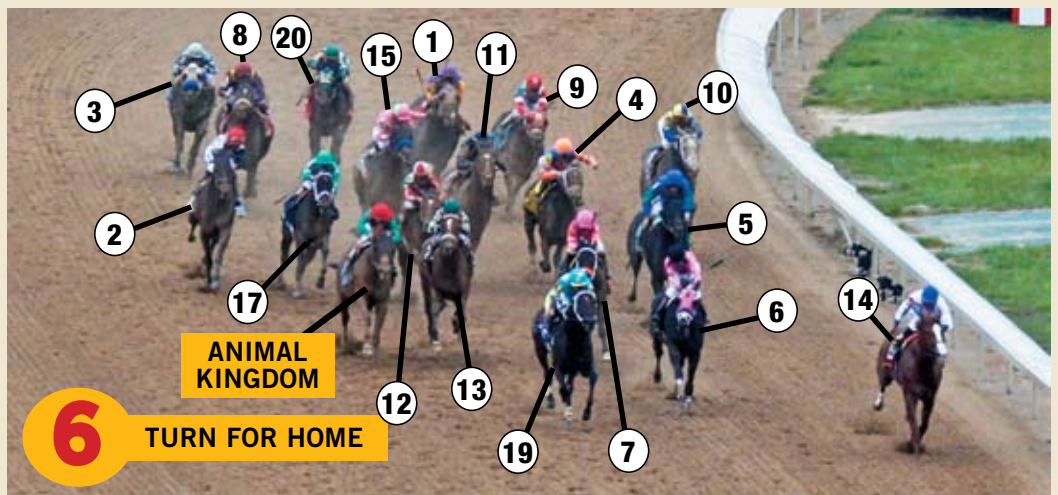
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MARK MAHAN PHOTOS



POST POSITIONS	
1	Archarcharch
2	Brilliant Speed
3	Twice the Appeal
4	Stay Thirsty
5	Decisive Moment
6	Comma to the Top
7	Pants On Fire
8	Dialed In
9	Derby Kitten
10	Twinspired
11	Master of Hounds
12	Santiva
13	Mucho Macho Man
14	Shackleford
15	Midnight Interlude
16	ANIMAL KINGDOM
17	Soldat
18	Uncle Mo: scratched
19	Nehro
20	Watch Me Go





DERBY HISTORY

YEAR	WINNER
2011	Animal Kingdom, ch. c.
2010	Super Saver, b. c.
2009	Mine That Bird, b. g.
2008	Big Brown, b. c.
2007	Street Sense, dkb/br. c.
2006	Barbaro, dkb/br. c.
2005	Giacomo, gr/ro. c.
2004	Smarty Jones, ch. c.
2003	Funny Cide, ch. g.
2002	War Emblem, dkb/br. c.
2001	Monarchos, gr/ro. c.
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus, b. c.
1999	Charismatic, ch. c.
1998	Real Quiet, b. c.
1997	Silver Charm, gr/ro. c.
1996	Grindstone, dkb/br. c.
1995	Thunder Gulch, ch. c.
1994	Go for Gin, b. c.
1993	Sea Hero, b. c.
1992	Lil E. Tee, b. c.
1991	Strike the Gold, ch. c.
1990	Unbridled, b. c.
1989	Sunday Silence, dkb/br. c.
1988	Winning Colors, ro. f.
1987	Alysheba, b. c.
1986	Ferdinand, ch. c.
1985	Spend a Buck, b. c.
1984	Swale, dkb/br. c.
1983	Sunny's Halo, ch. c.
1982	Gato Del Sol, gr. c.
1981	Pleasant Colony, dkb/br. c.
1980	Genuine Risk, ch. f.
1979	Spectacular Bid, gr. c.
1978	Affirmed, ch. c.
1977	Seattle Slew, dkb/br. c.
1976	Bold Forbes, dkb/br. c.
1975	Foolish Pleasure, b. c.
1974	Cannonade, b. c.
1973	Secretariat, ch. c.
1972	Riva Ridge, b. c.
1971	Canonero II, b. c.
1970	Dust Commander, ch. c.
1969	Majestic Prince, ch. c.
1968	#Forward Pass, b. c.
1967	Proud Clarion, b. c.
1966	Kauai King, dkb/br. c.
1965	Lucky Debonair, b. c.
1964	Northern Dancer, b. c.
1963	Chateaugay, ch. c.
1962	Decidedly, gr. c.
1961	Carry Back, br. c.
1960	Venetian Way, ch. c.
1959	Tomy Lee, b. c.
1958	Tim Tam, dk. b. c.
1957	Iron Liege, b. c.
1956	Needles, b. c.
1955	Swaps, ch. c.
1954	Determine, gr. c.
1953	Dark Star, br. c.
1952	Hill Gail, dk. b. c.
1951	Count Turf, b. c.
1950	Middleground, ch. c.
1949	Ponder, dk. b. c.
1948	Citation, b. c.
1947	Jet Pilot, ch. c.
1946	Assault, ch. c.
1945	Hoop, Jr., b. c.
1944	Pensive, ch. c.
1943	Count Fleet, br. c.

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"My father trained mostly claimers, and I started working in the barn when I was 8-years-old, emptying muck baskets and filling up water buckets," said Romans, who finished third in last year's Derby with Paddy O'Prado. "I've spent more time in this barn than I have at home. We never thought about the Kentucky Derby back then. It wasn't even a dream, because it couldn't happen."

One owner looking for a change in luck in the Derby was Ahmed Zayat, who saw his Santa Anita Derby winner Pioneerof the Nile finish second to longshot Mine That Bird in 2009 and then lost his red-hot Derby favorite Eskendereya in 2010. After a lengthy court battle with Fifth Third Bank later that year, Zayat bounced back in 2011 with several top-class 3-year-olds but had to watch his best colt, Jaycito, fall off the Derby trail in mid-April.

But Zayat still had another classy colt in the late-developing Nehro, who suffered narrow defeats in the Louisiana and Arkansas derbys, closing fast each time. Zayat's confidence soared as he spent the Thursday before the Derby with Nehro, kissing him while he was grazing, kissing him in his stall, and kissing him while he was being schooled. The colt was looking better physically by the day and was attacking the grass and his feed tub.

Kiaran McLaughlin, trainer of Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth (gr. II) winner Soldat, has fond memories of watching his first Derby in 1979 from the roof of Barn 10 where he was working as a groom.

There also was a European connection, as trainer Aidan O'Brien sent over Susan Magnier's UAE Derby (UAE-II) runner-up Master of Hounds.

Team Valor had come close in the Derby in 1997 when Captain Bodgit was beaten a head in the Run for the Roses by Silver Charm, and Irwin has been waiting ever since to return for another chance with a legitimate contender.

The big story all week was the condition of 2-year-old champion Uncle Mo, as rumors of his withdrawal from the Derby spread throughout the backstretch. Those rumors became reality the morning before the race when Todd Pletcher and owner Mike Repole announced that the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup



Above, Velazquez and Motion savor the moment; below left, a bruised Robby Albarado; below right, Uncle Mo's Mike Repole and Todd Pletcher at the draw



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Juvenile (gr. I) winner would not run in the Derby.

With Uncle Mo out of the Derby, the clear-cut favorite at 5-1 was Florida Derby and Holy Bull (gr. III) winner Dialed In, trained by Nick

Zito and owned by Robert LaPenta, who had teamed up to finish second in last year's Derby with Ice Box.

At the start, Dialed In was squeezed and immediately dropped back to last, falling far off the pace, and on the inside it was apparent Archrarch was in big trouble, as he continuously swerved, steadied, and bobbed. As Romans had predicted, Shackelford established a clear lead, followed by Comma to the Top and Soldat on the outside. Animal Kingdom broke alertly and was able to get a good position in midpack, while racing four wide into the clubhouse turn.

Shackelford continued to wing it unchallenged on the lead. After a solid opening quarter in :23.24, he was able to slow the pace down, getting his half in :48.63. Nehro, who had come from far back in the Arkansas Derby, was racing well off the rail in sixth, but in good striking



Kathy Ritvo, trainer of third-place finisher Mucho Macho Man

position, with Mucho Macho Man right behind him.

Velazquez had Animal Kingdom in a comfortable spot and was able to ease up gradually while following Mucho Macho Man. Shackleford, meanwhile, was able to slow the pace down to a crawl, the three-quarters in 1:13.40, with Comma to the Top and Decisive Moment still right behind taking up the chase.

Around the turn, Corey Nakatani, on Nehro, wanted no more of the slow pace and gunned his colt into contention. Nehro now loomed menacingly on the far outside. Several lengths behind him, Ani-

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EXERCISE RIDER HEATHER CRAIG

mal Kingdom was reaching a critical point in the race. Traffic jams formed and Velazquez was able to split Midnight Interlude and Watch Me Go to get out of one potential hazard, but he had one more move to make. As he cleared those two, he had to outrun and clear a tiring

Soldat and ease to the outside before a rallying Brilliant Speed could trap him in behind Mucho Macho Man.

He flew by Soldat and found a seam to the outside, giving him clear sailing out in the middle of the track. By now, Nehro was charging up on even terms with Shackleford, but was well to the outside of him. Shackleford, game as usual, held on tenaciously, but probably never saw Nehro.

The pace had picked up, with a mile in 1:37.49. After turning for home, Animal Kingdom began to show his greenness, as he drifted



Assistant trainer Scott Blasi with Zayat Stable's Nehro, the Derby runner-up

DERBY HISTORY

YEAR	WINNER
1942	Shut Out, ch. c.
1941	Whirlaway , ch. c.
1940	Gallahadion, b. c.
1939	Johnstown, b. c.
1938	Lawrin, br. c.
1937	War Admiral , br. c.
1936	Bold Venture, ch. c.
1935	Omaha , ch. c.
1934	Cavalcade, br. c.
1933	Brokers Tip, br. c.
1932	Burgoo King, ch. c.
1931	Twenty Grand, b. c.
1930	Gallant Fox , b. c.
1929	Clyde Van Dusen, ch. g.
1928	Reigh Count, ch. c.
1927	Whiskery, b. c.
1926	Bubbling Over, ch. c.
1925	Flying Ebony, blk. c.
1924	Black Gold, blk. c.
1923	Zev, br. c.
1922	Morvich, br. c.
1921	Behave Yourself, b. c.
1920	Paul Jones, br. g.
1919	Sir Barton , ch. c.
1918	Exterminator, ch. g.
1917	Omar Khayyam, ch. c.
1916	George Smith, blk. c.
1915	Regret, ch. f.
1914	Old Rosebud, b. g.
1913	Donerail, b. c.
1912	Worth, br. c.
1911	Meridian, b. c.
1910	Donau, b. c.
1909	Wintergreen, b. c.
1908	Stone Street, b. c.
1907	Pink Star, b. c.
1906	Sir Huon, b. c.
1905	Agile, b. c.
1904	Elwood, b. c.
1903	Judge Himes, b. c.
1902	Alan-a-Dale, ch. c.
1901	His Eminence, b. c.
1900	Lieut. Gibson, b. c.
1899	Manuel, b. c.
1898	Plaudit, br. c.
1897	Typhoon II, ch. c.
1896	Ben Brush, b. c.
1895	Halma, blk. c.
1894	Chant, b. c.
1893	Lookout, ch. c.
1892	Azra, b. c.
1891	Kingman, b. c.
1890	Riley, b. c.
1889	Spokane, ch. c.
1888	Macbeth II, b. g.
1887	Montrose, b. c.
1886	Ben Ali, br. c.
1885	Joe Cotton, ch. c.
1884	Buchanan, ch. c.
1883	Leonatus, b. c.
1882	Apollo, ch. g.
1881	Hindoo, b. c.
1880	Fonso, ch. c.
1879	Lord Murphy, b. c.
1878	Day Star, ch. c.
1877	Baden Baden, ch. c.
1876	Vagrant, br. g.
1875	Aristides, ch. c.

#DANCER'S IMAGE DISQUALIFIED FROM FIRST TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS IN BOLD FACE.



in on Mucho Macho Man. Although there was no contact, it forced Mucho Macho Man in toward Pants On Fire, who was putting in a steady run. Velazquez threw a cross on Animal Kingdom, and he began to drift in again, this time on Nehro. Velazquez had to go to a left-handed whip to get him off Nehro, and Animal Kingdom drifted back out. Velazquez then had to switch back to a right-handed whip, but by this point Animal Kingdom was already in the lead and drawing away. Racing greenly in a 19-horse Derby field demonstrated how much raw talent this colt has.

With his victory he became the first horse since Exterminator in 1918 to win the Derby with only four career starts; the first horse since Needles in 1956 to win the Derby off a six-week layoff; and the first horse ever to win the Derby having never started on dirt. With his pedigree, versatility, and powerful closing punch that he can sustain for over a half-mile, there is no doubt this colt's future is limitless.

"Oh, my God, this is unbelievable. This is what we dream about. It's surreal."

ARON WELLMAN, TEAM VALOR

There also were a number of firsts regarding his pedigree. Leroidesanimaux became the first Brazilian-bred horse to sire a U.S. classic winner. Dalicia became the first German-bred mare to produce a U.S. classic winner. And Acatenango became the first German-bred broodmare sire of a U.S. classic winner.

Mucho Macho Man, who had been a bit late changing leads, began to show his best stride inside the sixteenth pole, passing Shackleford and nearly catching Nehro for second. From out of the pack, where he had been surrounded by horses, Master of Hounds came flying late, weaving in and out as if he were a running back dodging linebackers. Once finally in the clear, he leveled off down on the inside and managed to get fifth in a three-horse photo with Santiva and Brilliant Speed.



SKIP DIKSTEIN

Animal Kingdom's win brings things full circle for Team Valor since running second in 1997; below, Derby winner walks the shedrow the morning after the race



RICK SAMUELS

PAST PERFORMANCES

Animal Kingdom

Own: Team Valor International



Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP09 \$100,000
Sire: Leroidesanimaux*Brz (Candy Stripes) \$7,500
Dam: Dalicia*Ger (Acatenango*Ger)
Br: Team Valor (Ky)
Tr: Motion H. G(13 3 4 3 23) 2011:(159 32 .20)

Life	5	3	2	0	\$1,738,700	103	D.Fst	1	1	0	0	\$1,411,800	103
2011	3	2	1	0	\$1,704,900	103	Wet(261)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2010	2	1	1	0	\$33,800	84	Synth	3	2	1	0	\$318,800	94
Pim	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(410)	1	0	1	0	\$8,100	83
							Dst(355)	1	1	0	0	\$1,411,800	103

7May11-11CD	fst	1 1/4	:48 1/2	1:32	1:37	2:02	KyDerby-G1	103	16	12 1/2	10 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	12 1/2	Velazquez J R	L126 b	20.90	99-06	AnimlKngdom126 2 3/4	Nhro126 0 1/4	MuchoMchoMn126 3/4	4-6w, drifted out late	19
26Mar11-10TP	fst	1 1/8	:46 1/2	1:22	1:38	1:52	Spiral-G3	94	4	11 1/2	7 1/4	4 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	12 1/2	Garcia Alan	L121 b	3.00	81-16	AnmlKngdom121 2 3/4	DcstvMmnt121 1 1/2	Twnsprd121 5 1/2	Angled out, drew clear	11
3Mar11-8GP	fm	1	:23	:47	1:10	1:34 3/4	OC 50K/N1x-N	83	9	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Maragh R	L118 b	2.80	84-22	PowhtnCounty118 0 1/4	AnimlKngdom118 2 1/2	Extnsv118 0 1/4	Awkward st, missed	11
23Oct10-6Kee	fst	1 1/8	:47	1:12	1:36	1:49	Mid Sp Wt 46k	84	3	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	13 1/2	Albarado R J	L118 b	*.70	88-10	Animal Kingdom118 3 1/4	Bonaroo118 1/2	Grind118 2 1/2	Vied inside, cleared	12
18Sep10-9AP	fst	1 1/8	:24	:49	1:14	1:45	Mid Sp Wt 29k	67	9	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Alvarado J	119 b	*2.60	79-16	WillcoxInn119 2 3/4	AnimlKngdom119 3 3/4	Mvrckng119 0 1/4	Traffic5/16, angled out	10
WORKS:	Apr30 CD	of 1st	1:13 B	2/9	Apr23 Kee	of 5f	1:02 1/4 B	19/21	Apr16 Kee	of 5f	:59 1/4 B	2/39	Mar21 PmM	of 5f	1:03 1/4 B(d)	1/9	Feb25 PmM	of 5f	1:04 3/4 B(d)	13/17	Feb18 PmM	of 5f	1:03 1/4 B(d)	12/14

RACE RESULTS

ELEVENTH RACE 1 1/4 MILES. (1.592) 137TH RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY. Grade I. Purse \$2,000,000 FOR Churchhill THREE-YEAR-OLDS WITH AN ENTRY FEE OF \$25,000 EACH AND A STARTING FEE OF \$25,000 EACH. Weight: 126 lbs.

MAY 7, 2011

Value of Race: \$2,171,800 Winner \$1,411,800; second \$400,000; third \$200,000; fourth \$100,000; fifth \$60,000. Mutuel Pool \$46,126,231.00 Exacta Pool \$20,544,202.00 Trifecta Pool \$24,961,318.00 Superfecta Pool \$9,937,386.00 Super High Five Pool \$272,178.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
26Mar11 10TP1	Animal Kingdom	L	b	3	126	16	122	12hd	10hd	5hd	32	12 3/4	Velazquez J R	20.90
16Apr11 110P2	Neuro	L	3	126	18	61	61	5hd	2hd	2 1/2	2nk	Nakatani C S	8.50	
26Mar11 10FG3	Mucho Macho Man	L	3	126	13	7 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	6 1/2	43	3 3/4	Maragh R	9.30	
3Apr11 10GP2	Shackleford	L	3	126	14	11	11 1/2	11	1 1/2	11	4 1/4	Castanon J L	23.10	
26Mar11 4Mey2	Master of Hounds	L	3	126	11	131	154	155	12hd	7hd	5no	Gomez G K	16.80	
16Apr11 9Kee9	Santiva	L	3	126	12	11hd	11 1/2	11 1/2	8hd	8 1/2	6no	Bridgmohan S X	34.70	
16Apr11 9Kee1	Brilliant Speed	L	3	126	2	16hd	14hd	14hd	10 1/2	9 1/2	72	Rosario J	27.90	
3Apr11 10GP1	Dialed In	L	3	126	8	19	19	19	15hd	13 1/2	8nk	Leparoux J R	5.20	
26Mar11 10FG1	Pants On Fire	L	3	126	7	4 1/2	5 1/2	41	4hd	61	9 2/4	Naprevnik R	8.10	
27Mar11 12Sun1	Twice the Appeal	L	b	3	126	3	151	161	183	19	17 1/2	10nk	Borel C H	11.90
3Apr11 10GP5	Soldat	L	3	126	17	3hd	4hd	6hd	9 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	Garcia Alan	11.90	
3Apr11 10GP7	Stay Thirsty	L	3	126	4	10 1/2	7hd	7hd	11	11 1/2	12 3/4	Dominguez R A	17.20	
23Apr11 9Kee1	Derby Kitten	L	b	3	126	9	18 1/2	18 3/4	16hd	17hd	16hd	13 1/4	Castellano J J	36.30
26Mar11 10TP2	Decisive Moment	L	3	126	5	5hd	3 1/2	3 1/2	7hd	11	141	Clark K D	39.30	
16Apr11 110P1	Archarcharch	L	b	3	126	1	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	181	183	151	Court J K	12.50
9Apr11 10SA1	Midnight Interlude	L	b	3	126	15	9hd	9 1/2	9hd	132	15hd	16 1/2	Espinoza V	9.60
16Apr11 9Kee2	Twinspired	L	3	126	10	14 1/2	13 1/2	122	142	14hd	17 3/4	Smith M E	32.90	
9Apr11 7Haw6	Watch Me Go	L	b	3	126	19	8hd	10 1/2	13hd	16 1/2	19	18 1/2	Benjaron R	33.60
9Apr11 10SA2	Comma to the Top	L	bf	3	126	6	21	2 1/2	2 1/2	32	5hd	19	Valenzuela P A	35.80

OFF AT 6:31 Start Good For All But WATCH ME GO. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :231, :483, 1:132, 1:372, 2:02 (:23.24, :48.63, 1:13.40, 1:37.49, 2:02.04)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:	16-ANIMAL KINGDOM.....	43.80	19.60	13.00
	19-NEURO.....	8.80	6.40	6.40
	13-MUCHO MACHO MAN.....			7.00

\$2 EXACTA 16-19 PAID \$329.80 \$2 TRIFECTA 16-19-13 PAID \$3,952.40

\$2 SUPERFACTA 16-19-13-14 PAID \$48,126.00 \$1 SUPER

HIGH FIVE NO WINNING TICKETS, CARRYOVER \$220,430.00

Ch. c. (Mar), by Leroidesanimaux-Brz - Dalcia-Ger, by Acatanango-Ger. Trainer Motion H Graham. Bred by Team Valor (Ky).

ANIMAL KINGDOM reserved for a half, advanced four wide between rivals with three furlongs to go, came out six wide into the stretch, made a good run to challenge with a furlong to go, took over once in the final furlong and slowly increased his lead while drifting out late. NEURO within striking distance four or five wide the opening half while on his own, moved up with three furlongs to go, challenged outside the leaders nearing the stretch, gained a short lead momentarily entering the stretch, could not keep pace with SHACKLEFORD when that one surged clear but responded late to be up for the place. MUCHO MACHO MAN relaxed three wide the opening half mile while racing in traffic, advanced in that path with three furlongs to go, came out five wide into the stretch, moved back in a bit in midstretch, drifted out under left handed pressure inside the final furlong, was straightened and finished willingly. SHACKLEFORD set the pace off the rail, repulsed bids by NEURO and COMMA TO THE TOP entering the stretch, spurred back to a clear lead, responded when challenged leaving the furlong marker and held on well. MASTER OF HOUNDS unhurried three wide, picked up his pace when asked with three furlongs to go, came out four wide into the stretch, worked his way through traffic through midstretch, angled to the rail and finished with good energy. SANTIVA reserved early three wide, gradually made progress off the rail on the second turn, came out four wide into the stretch and was gaining late while unable to seriously threaten. BRILLIANT SPEED outrun early while under stout restraint, made a run five wide with less than three furlongs to go, came out eight wide into the stretch and made a good late bid on the outside. DIALED IN squeezed back at the start, was far back for seven furlongs while unhurried, swung to the outside for the drive and made a belated bid. PANTS ON FIRE close up while off the rail and between rivals, moved out to the four path on the second turn while maintaining position, held on well to the stretch and weakened. TWICE THE APPEAL unhurried along the inside, swung seven wide entering the stretch and passed tiring rivals. SOLDAT forwardly placed three wide, stayed on well for seven furlongs, came out five wide leaving the second turn and tired. STAY THIRSTY brushed at the start, was unhurried near the rail while in good position, remained within reach to midway through the second turn, angled out a bit for the drive and gave way. DERBY KITTEN broke inward, lacked speed, steadied behind DECISIVE MOMENT nearing the sixteenth marker and could not threaten thereafter. DECISIVE MOMENT stalked the pace along the inside, held on well to the final quarter and gave way. ARCHARCHARCH steadied early, had his saddle slip entering the backstretch, never was a factor, pulled up lame and was vanned off. MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE eager early while four wide between rivals and within striking distance, failed to respond when ridden with three furlongs to go and never menaced. TWINSPIRED unhurried inside, steadied briefly with three furlongs to go and gave way. WATCH ME GO lost his footing at the start, raced within reach for five furlongs while well out in the strip and faded. COMMA TO THE TOP angled out entering the first turn when in closest attendance to the pace, challenged three wide between rivals with a quarter mile to go but gave way readily in the final furlong.

Owners- 1, Team Valor International; 2, Zayat Stables LLC; 3, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and Dream Team One Racing Stable; 4, Lauffer Michael and Cubbedge WD; 5, Magnier Mrs John; 6, Walters Tom R; 7, Live Oak Plantation; 8, LaPenta Robert V; 9, Hall George and Lori; 10, Brown Jr Edward J Flores Victor and Hernandez Henry; 11, Clarke Robertson Braverman and Namcook; 12, Repole Stable; 13, Ramsey Kenneth L and Sarah K; 14, Just for Fun Stable (Ruben Sierra); 15, Yagos Robert and Loyal; 16, Arnold Zetcher LLC; 17, Alpha Stables Skychai Racing LLC and Sand Dollar Stable LLC; 18, Campbell Gilbert G; 19, Barber Gary Birnboman Roger and Tsujihara Kevin

Trainers- 1, Motion H Graham; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Ritvo Kathy; 4, Romans Dale; 5, O'Brien Aidan P; 6, Kenneally Eddie; 7, Albertrani Thomas; 8, Zito Nicholas P; 9, Breen Kelly J; 10, Bonde Jeff; 11, McLaughlin Kiaran P; 12, Pletcher Todd A; 13, Maker Michael J; 14, Arias Juan D; 15, Fires William H; 16, Baffert Bob; 17, Maker Michael J; 18, O'Connell Kathleen; 19, Miller Peter

Scratched- Uncle Mo (09Apr11 10Aqu3)

\$2 Daily Double (7-16) Paid \$393.00; Daily Double Pool \$936,279.
\$2 Daily Double (OAKS-DERBY 12-16) Paid \$345.60; Daily Double Pool \$300,179.

\$2 Pick Three (1-7-16) Paid \$4,738.20; Pick Three Pool \$1,141,301.

50 CENT Pick Three (OAKS/WDFRD/DERBY

12-7-16) Paid \$974.70; Pick Three Pool \$63,124.

\$2 Pick Four (8-1-7-16) Paid \$24,584.40; Pick Four Pool \$2,294,087.

50 CENT Pick Five (1-8-1-7-16) 5 Correct Paid \$213,895.35; Pick Five Pool \$792,396.

\$2 Pick Six (2-1-8-1-7-16) 5 Correct Paid \$12,251.80;

Pick Six Pool \$847,131; Carryover Pool \$514,583.

As for Dialed In, he remained well back in last for the first three-quarters, and basically had no shot after a half in 1:13.40. He did pass horses in the stretch to finish eighth in the 19-horse field.

The final time was a respectable 2:02.04, with Animal Kingdom coming home his final quarter in :23 3/5, second only to Secretariat's :23 1/5. This followed a :23 3/5 quarter, giving him his powerful :47 1/5 final half-mile.

One of the first on the track was Aron Wellman, vice-president of operations for Team Valor.

"Oh, my God, this is unbelievable," he said. "He ran like a champion. This is what we dream about. It's surreal."

Watching back in Maryland at her aunt's house was Becky Kelly, foreman at Fair Hill.

"That was just amazing," she said. "We've always had a lot of confidence in this horse's ability. My aunt used to be a trainer, and I grew up having the dreams and knowing the importance of winning the Kentucky Derby. So it's such an honor now to be affiliated with a Derby winner. We all work so hard, and it's an incredible team effort. And Graham makes it fun by creating such a great atmosphere."

The only casualty in the race was Archarcharch, who had that horrible trip early, had his saddle slip on the backstretch, and then was pulled up after the wire with what was diagnosed as a condylar fracture of the left foreleg, which is not considered life-threatening.

With the victors in the Derby Museum for the traditional winner's party, Ahmed Zayat and his son Justin were leaving the track, exiting by the museum.

"How do you run second twice in three years and lose the favorite the other year?" a naturally disappointed Zayat asked. "That's hard to take. It was Pioneer of the Nile all over again. He was doing so well and was so ready. But I'm very proud of my horse."

Justin added, "We dream of winning this some day."

Kathy Ritvo continued her amazing journey, and now has a classic-placed horse.

"He's only going to get better," she said. "He's a June 15 foal. Hopefully, he'll come back in a couple of weeks (in the May 21 grade I Preakness) if he's doing well and we're ready to go. He was fabulous today. He gave his all and finished strong. It was really exciting. When I saw him turn for home and he was running, I was jumping around and cheering him on."

And so, one of the wildest and most confusing Kentucky Derbys is in the history book. Sometimes destiny takes a round-about way of getting somewhere, but in the end it all makes sense. ☐

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OWNER / BREEDER

Barry Irwin, Team Valor International

BY LENNY SHULMAN

In his 25 years as a Turf writer, author, breeder, and owner, Barry Irwin has been an outspoken voice on, well, just about any issue in horse racing. He'll often be the first to respond to articles on everything from medication to partnerships.

Former Turf writer has played at the top of the partnership game for 25 years

But for perhaps the first time in a quarter-century, Irwin lost his voice after his Animal Kingdom rallied boldly down the center of the Churchill Downs stretch to win the 137th edition of the Run for the Roses.

"I really didn't cheer," said the 68-year-old founder and CEO of Team Valor Inter-

national, the partnership group that owns the Kentucky Derby winner. "I think I lost my voice due to just a lot of emotion."

Because of his strong opinions and the power he wields to back them up with action, Irwin does not carry the reputation of a warm and fuzzy guy. He's smart. He knows it. And he's got attitude. What can't

be disputed, however, is his ability to win big races for his partners with impressive regularity, and move a step or two ahead of the crowd whether it be finding equine jewels in the rough or setting trends in buying and selling horses.

At the post-race press conference following the May 7 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), Irwin, with the microphone held close to make up for failing vocal chords, managed to accept congratulations graciously for winning the biggest race in the world while at the same time criticizing racetracks for not better accommodating partnership groups; taking to task Turf writers who get bogged down in statistics rather than judging horses on individual merits; and complaining that many of his former trainers were less than honest in their dealings with him.

You can bet, though, there are no complaints among the 20 partners Irwin assembled to form the ownership group of Animal Kingdom. Those include Carl Pascarella, who as chairman of VISA carted around an oversized check for \$5 million payable to the owner of any horse that swept the Triple Crown when the event was sponsored by the credit card company. The check went uncashed, although Pascarella now has a chance to be on the other side of Triple Crown glory.

Irwin, a California native, formed Clover Racing Stables with handicapper Jeff Siegel in 1987. They made a name for themselves when Martial Law pulled off a 50-1 upset in the 1989 Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I) and later that year sent out Prized to win the Breeders' Cup Turf (gr. IT) at Gulfstream Park for Clover and Meadowbrook Farm, which also bred the son of Kris S.

After philosophical differences came between Irwin/Siegel and their partners in Clover, the duo dissolved that group and formed Team Valor in 1992. Team Valor's distinctive green silks with the red V have been carried to the finest winner's circles in North America and abroad. Irwin, Siegel, and their partners raced stalwarts such as multiple group/grade I winner Irrescence; multiple grade/group I winner Ipi Tombe; multiple grade I winners Star of Cozzene, Political Ambition, and Golden Ballet; and grade I winners The Deputy, Cashier's Dream, and Captain Bodgit.

Both The Deputy and Captain Bodgit represented Versailles, Ky.-based Team



Team Valor International's Barry Irwin takes his place in Derby history

"We as an industry have not done enough importing of bloodlines where horses don't run on drugs."

BARRY IRWIN

Valor in the Kentucky Derby, and the latter's brave second to Silver Charm in 1997 was a bitter pill for Irwin to swallow.

"He was the favorite (at 3-1), and I had utter confidence in him," Irwin said of Captain Bodgit. "I really did not think he would lose, even though Silver Charm was very good and had that extra little punch. I felt we got out-rote that day. Gary Stevens took our horse's path and made us move out a little bit, and it was enough to cost us the race. That was a tough, tough beat. But I was hoping I would be back again and be able to win it, and it happened."

It happened because of one further change of course engineered by Irwin. He bought out Siegel in 2007 and renamed his organization Team Valor International. The "international" wasn't just a piece of fancy window dressing. It represented Irwin's increasing interest in going abroad both to buy and sell bloodstock. Irwin's passport has plenty of stamps on it. He's had dealings in England, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, and Chechnya.

On the same day Irwin won the Derby, Team Valor International's Daveron brought home the Beaugay Handicap (gr. IIIT) at Belmont Park. Irwin bought Daveron as a yearling in Germany, and when Animal Kingdom's dam, Dalicia, by the German-bred and two-time German Horse of the Year Acatenango, came up for sale at auction in that same country, Irwin noticed she was from the same family as Daveron.

"That interested me," he said, "and I bought her. Her first foal was Animal Kingdom."

Irwin bred the Derby winner by sending Dalicia to the Brazilian-bred turf champion Leroidesanimaux, in whom he had breeding rights following a messy transaction when he bought the stallion and subsequently sold it to the ill-fated Stonewall Farm. Suffice it to say Animal Kingdom boasts quite the international pedigree.

"We as an industry have not done enough importing of horses and bloodlines from other places where horses don't run on drugs and horses' legs aren't manipulated and where horses are bigger, tougher, stronger, and sounder," Irwin said.

Irwin bought out Animal Kingdom's breeding partnership for \$100,000 at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale.

And also suffice it to say that Irwin wasn't too bothered with bucking a few trends in starting Animal Kingdom (so named by Irwin because Leroidesani-



Irwin made the rider switch to John Velazquez May 6

maux translates to "king of the animals" in French) in the Derby.

First, the horse had never in his four previous starts raced on dirt, having run three times over synthetic racetracks and once on turf.

"Of course, I'm concerned about that," Irwin said two weeks before the Derby. "I'd have to be an idiot not to be concerned about it."

But Animal Kingdom breezed one week before the Derby over the Churchill Downs dirt in 1:13 for six furlongs, and Irwin gave



Partner Carl Pascarella

the "all systems go" sign.

"That work was a real eye-opener, and that's what gave us the confidence to go ahead," he noted. "If he had not done that, we would have skipped the Derby. We would not have run in it just for the sake of being here, believe me."

The Turf historian in Irwin also pointed out Animal Kingdom was the first horse since Exterminator in 1918 to win the Derby off just four lifetime starts, and the first to win it after a six-week layoff since Needles in 1956.

Irwin has been through a few trainers before moving his horses to Graham Motion last year. More than a few, actually.

"I'm 68, this is my 25th year racing horses, and I don't want to hear stories every day from 17 different trainers," Irwin stated. "Unless you have that one guy on your team that's on your side, you're not going to get the truth, and I reached a point where I was fed up with it. And Graham can just about train every kind of horse."

Irwin also made a bold rider switch the day before the Derby. When Animal Kingdom's named rider Robby Albarado suffered a facial injury in a fall three days before the race (he was available to ride Derby day), Irwin decided to jump ship to John Velazquez, who became available when Uncle Mo was scratched. He came up smelling like roses.

The recent economic downturn hasn't hit Irwin because he's busied himself recently selling bloodstock around the world. He recently sold Gitano Hernando to the president of Chechnya for a handsome seven-figure sum; sold the filly Ebony Flyer to South African owners for a record price for a filly; and sold part of Pluck, who won last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IIT) for Irwin, to an Australian syndicate.

"I know we have made more money than any other partnership," he stated. "We are thriving. Everybody keeps saying partnerships are the wave of the future. But we're vitally important right now."

The hard-nosed businessman had tears from his eyes and sweat from everywhere else streaming down after the race, the products of a dream achieved after 25 years and a lot of changes.

"I'm just so happy to have a horse like this," Irwin said. "He was so well-behaved in the paddock and on the racetrack. In front of this crowd, for a horse making his fifth start? I'm so thrilled, I can't tell you."

"I've won a couple of really big ones, and when it happens, it's surreal. You see it and you know what happened—you're there—but it's just hard to process."

"I like to try to make history if I can, and we made a lot of history today." 🏆



TRAINER

H. Graham Motion

BY JASON SHANDLER

H. Graham Motion was not thinking about storybook endings when Kentucky Derby week began. He would not allow himself to think about how ironic it would be if his “other horse” won America’s greatest Thoroughbred race. At that point, the only emotions Motion had swirling inside were disappointment and despair.

Classic-winning trainer learned under Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, Bernie Bond



H. Graham Motion brought the right horse to the Kentucky Derby

That’s because the 46-year-old English-born trainer walked into his Fair Hill, Md., barn on Monday, May 2—just five days before the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I)—only to find his top contender, Toby’s Corner, off in his left rear and unable to make the race. A little more than three weeks earlier Toby’s Corner had knocked off previously undefeated champion and Derby favorite Uncle Mo in the Resorts World New York Casino Wood Memorial (gr. I) to set himself up as a major player at Churchill Downs. Now to have to break the devastating news to the colt’s owners/breeders, Julian and Dianne Cotter, and accept the fact he may have seen his best Derby chance go down the drain was a bitter pill for Motion to swallow.

“It was brutal; as bad as it gets,” Motion said. “It took the wind right out of my sails. I flew to Kentucky with a sinking feeling because I knew (Toby’s Corner) would have been a really live horse.”

Motion made the trip to Louisville because he still had another chance at Derby fame with Team Valor International’s homebred Animal Kingdom. He would not admit that Animal Kingdom was his “second-tier” horse, but having never run over traditional dirt, entering the race off a six-week layoff, and having only four races to his credit, the son of Leroidesanimaux certainly had not taken the traditional route to the Derby.

History will say none of that matters now, not after Animal Kingdom overtook Nehro at the top of the stretch and went on to give Motion his first Kentucky Derby triumph with a 2¾-length victory under John Velazquez May 7. For Motion, excitement and joy had replaced the disappointment and despair he felt just five days earlier.

“It’s funny how things work out in life,” said Motion, who won with his third Derby starter after Chillito finished 11th in 1998 and Adriano ended up 19th in 2008. “You just never can tell.”

Indeed. They say life is all about the decisions one makes, and for Motion that is certainly the case. Motion made some of the important decisions long ago, such as when, at age 19, he decided to work for trainer Jonathan Sheppard just three years after moving to the United States. He made another important choice late last year when he committed to being the private trainer for Barry Irwin’s Team Valor International, an offer he initially refused but after Irwin’s persistence later accepted. Most recently, the connections’ gut-wrenching decision to replace Robby Albarado with Velazquez on Animal Kingdom—only a day before the Derby—paid off in a big way.

“Graham is a listener and thinker. He’s very cerebral; he always keeps an open

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mind,” said barn manager John Penagot. “I think that’s why he makes the right decisions a lot of times.”

The choice to work for Sheppard, a fellow Englishman and one of the most respected trainers in the world, is a key to Motion’s success. From 1985-90 Motion studied under the Hall of Fame trainer, who has excelled training both steeplechase and flat horses during his more than four-decade career. Motion later worked for Bernie Bond, whose stable he took over in 1993.

“It’s hard to put into words how proud and happy I am for Graham,” said Sheppard, who also was a mentor to Barclay Tagg, who won the Derby in 2003 with Funny Cide. “He’s kind of a laid-back and quiet guy, but he has never been afraid to take on a challenge. He’s a hard worker and a dead-honest guy. He’s won the Derby now, but he’s young and his future is still so bright.”

Motion was introduced to Sheppard by his father, Michael, a bloodstock agent, and his mother, Jo, who was one of the first female riders at Newmarket. They arranged for Motion to work for and live with Sheppard more than 27 years ago.

“John is my mentor and means everything to me,” said a teary-eyed Motion when asked about their relationship. “A couple of weeks ago he told me he was proud of me, which he never has said before. I wonder what he’ll say to me now.”

Given Sheppard’s success with turf horses, it comes as no surprise that before Animal Kingdom, Motion was best known for his grass runners. He has collected seven grade I wins on turf, including victories in the 2004 John Deere Breeders’ Cup Turf (gr. IT) with Better Talk Now and 2010 Emirates Airline Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT) with Shared Account. It wasn’t until 2009 that Motion scored his first grade I dirt win with Bullsbay in the Whitney, but Irwin has never doubted the trainer’s ability as an all-around horseman.

“It’s hard to find one guy that can train every kind of horse, but I think Graham comes pretty darned close,” said Irwin, who first started giving Motion horses three years ago.

The soft-spoken Motion, who celebrated his Derby win with his wife, Anita; daughter, Jane; and son, Marcus, is by all accounts as humble and level-headed as any trainer in the game. Admittedly, he was overwhelmed by the enormity of the situation and the way in which his whirlwind week ended when he spoke to a congratulatory crowd at the Kentucky Derby Museum not long after his extraordinary achievement.

“This is never a day I imagined would happen and not something I even allowed myself to dream about,” he said. “It’s something I’ll never forget.”



Motion tackles the press the morning after the Derby

JOCKEY

John Velazquez

BY ERIC MITCHELL

Jockey John Velazquez must have experienced an unpleasant bout of déjà vu the day before the 137th Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I).

Despite roller-coaster week with Uncle Mo, John Velazquez lands on the winner

Trainer Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole, the owner of his mount Uncle Mo, were holding a press conference to announce the horse was not well and would not start. For the third consecutive year, Velazquez was riding toward America’s biggest race on a leading contender only to see all hope wiped away by injury or illness. In 2009 it was a series of quarter cracks that sidelined BlackBerry Presents the 58th Running of the Florida Derby (gr. I) winner Quality Road. Then last year the overwhelming early favorite Eskendereya, winner of the Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I), got a soft tissue injury a week out.

“With Quality Road, we were devastated, and last year with Eskendereya, it was like what!?” said Velazquez’ wife, Leona. “We really thought he was going to win it last year. It is not to say you prepare yourself for this, but in a way I think he did. (With Uncle Mo) he said, ‘It’s just not meant to be for me. I just have to keep my

head up and keep going.’”

Velazquez, a 39-year-old native of Puerto Rico and perennial top rider whose second-place finish aboard Invisible Ink in the 2001 Kentucky Derby had been his best finish in 12 attempts, steeled himself and assured family and friends that other good chances would come. After all, Velazquez had been honored as the nation’s leading rider in 2004 and 2005 and has won or shared 20 meet titles in New York.

“We’ll get one of these when they least expect us,” he told a friend on the backside of Churchill Downs following the May 6 morning press conference.

His next opportunity came quicker than he expected. Within a couple of hours, Velazquez was named as the rider of eventual winner Animal Kingdom, trained by his good friend Graham Motion and owned by a Team Valor International partnership.

“It was a complete shock. I mean a complete shock,” said Leona Velazquez. “We are really good friends with Graham



John Velazquez with daughter Lerina, son Michael, and wife Leona (upper right)

and Anita. Our sons are best buddies. We're in the hotel together. We're having dinner together every night. Our kids are swimming in the hotel pool. We're just hanging out and then we find out we're going to ride your horse? What? Are you kidding? It was just amazing. It was just meant to be."

The mount became available because Robby Albarado had been thrown and stepped on prior to a race May 4. He broke his nose and had lacerations above his eye that required stitches. Motion and Team Valor International president Barry Irwin were not sure Albarado would be ready to ride on Derby day.

John Velazquez in the Kentucky Derby

Year	Horse	Finish
2011	ANIMAL KINGDOM	1ST
2010	Devil May Care	10th
2009	Mr. Hot Stuff	15th
2008	Cowboy Cal	9th
2007	Circular Quay	6th
2005	Bandini	19th
2004	Pollard's Vision	17th
2002	Saarland	10th
2001	Invisible Ink	2nd
2000	More Than Ready	4th
1999	Three Ring	19th
1998	Basic Trainee	15th
1996	Built for Pleasure	19th

"We thought that was just a risk we were not prepared to take," Irwin said. "When Johnny came open, we decided to go with him."

While Velazquez said he felt bad Albarado lost the mount because he got injured, he also said he's been on the other end of many similar situations.

"In this business, it's a roller coaster," he said. "I've been hurt, and I've seen the horses I've been riding win in a grade I. But I told Robby, 'Don't worry. If we win this race, I'm going to take care of you.'"

Velazquez will be able to take care of Albarado because Animal Kingdom took care of him.

"To tell you the truth, he handled everything so good and he gave me so much confidence going into that first turn and he was going well all the way around," he said. "When I asked him to run, he was there for me. He's doing everything you ask him to do, and it's amazing.

"Honestly, this is the race that we all want. Anywhere in the world you go, they are asking you, 'Have you been in the Derby?' And the second question after that is, 'Have you won it?' It is a dream come true for all of us."

Having now won his first Derby, maybe Velazquez, a finalist in this year's voting for racing's Hall of Fame, can upgrade his Derby déjà vu. 🐾



'King' Wears Derby Crown

BY DAVID SCHMITZ

If anyone has doubts about how important a Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) winner is to a stallion, consider this: Within 15 hours after Leroidesanimaux's son Animal Kingdom won the Run for the Roses as a Team Valor International homebred, Stonewall Farm Ocala, the Ocala, Fla., nursery where Leroidesanimaux stands, received five contracts to breed to the son of Candy Stripes and 56 e-mails from breeders wanting to send mares to him. That goes to show what can happen when a stallion sires a Kentucky Derby winner from his second crop.

Animal Kingdom has a global pedigree: by a Brazilian-bred sire out of a German-bred mare

"Those breedings are for this year, some of which are for Southern Hemisphere breedings," said Michelle Hemingway, who is in charge of the sale of bloodstock and seasons for Stonewall. Stonewall is operated by Marc Haisfield, managing member.

According to Hemingway, Leroidesanimaux has covered 131 of the 150 mares already booked to him this year.

Leroidesanimaux was a big attraction in South America well before Animal Kingdom set foot on the track. Leroidesanimaux was foaled in Brazil and was group I-placed there before embarking on

a North American racing career in which he was voted an Eclipse Award for his achievements as a turf miler.

His son, Animal Kingdom, hardly resembled a grass miler in the 1¼-mile Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I). Trained by H. Graham Motion, he raced in mid-pack over the dirt surface before making a strong move in the stretch to win by 2¾ lengths.

Top Brazilian

Leroidesanimaux, whose name in French means "king of the animals," got off to a strong start as a racehorse in his

native land for Goncalo and Regina Torrealba's Stud TNT. He won his second start by 11¼ lengths and then ran second in the Grande Premio Associacao Brasileira de Criadores E Proprietarios Do Cavalo de Corrida (Brz-I) in his third start. He was then sent to the United States, and turned over to Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel.

Frankel, who died in 2009, put his stamp on Derby weekend at Churchill Downs. He not only trained Leroidesanimaux, but also trained Medaglia d'Oro, the sire of Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) winner Plum Pretty.

Based in California, Leroidesanimaux didn't waste much time proving how good he was. After finishing fourth in his U.S. debut, Leroidesanimaux reeled off eight straight wins, including six in stakes and two in course-record time for 1¼ miles. He set a course record of 1:38.45 in the Inglewood Handicap (gr. IIIT) at Hollywood Park in 2004 and one in 1:39.92 in the Fourstardave Handicap (gr. IIT) at Saratoga the following year.

Leroidesanimaux's résumé also featured three grade I triumphs. He captured the Citation Handicap (gr. IT) at Hollywood, the Frank E. Kilroe Mile Handicap (gr. IT) at Santa Anita, and the Atto Mile Stakes (Can-IT) at Woodbine.

By the time of the NetJets Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT) at Belmont Park in October 2005, Leroidesanimaux was owned by Stud TNT and Stonewall Farm Stallions. Although Leroidesanimaux was favored in the Breeders' Cup, all was not well. The morning of the race, Frankel's blacksmith, Ray Amato, determined the horse's feet were too sore for the bar shoes he had been training to be replaced with racing plates. Whether it was the footwear or not, Leroidesanimaux finished second, beaten three-quarters of a length by Artie Schiller. In Eclipse Award balloting for best grass male, Leroidesanimaux nudged out Artie Schiller with 119 first-place votes compared to his rival's 116.

Leroidesanimaux was retired after the Breeders' Cup for stallion duty at Haisfield's former farm, Stonewall Farm Stallions, near Versailles, Ky. His fee was \$30,000.

Go Team Go

Barry Irwin, CEO of Kentucky-based Team Valor, set the wheels in motion in Animal Kingdom's Kentucky Derby triumph when he bought a German filly from Animal Kingdom's female family. Irwin took a liking to the filly Daveron at the Baden-Baden yearling sale in September 2006 and bought her for \$128,120. He later bought Animal Kingdom's dam, German group winner Dalicia (by Acatenango), for about \$400,000 at the Tattersalls Decem-



Leroidesanimaux: Kentucky Derby winner comes from his second crop

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ber sale in 2009. Dalicia raced in North America before being retired to become a broodmare. Animal Kingdom is her first foal.

Irwin is a fan of international racing and runners. "Following international racing is a lot of fun," he said. "I also think that we have not done enough importing of horses and bloodlines from other places where horses don't run on drugs and horse's legs are not manipulated. In Germany, you are not allowed to breed a mare that has ever raced on drugs, Lasix, Bute, nothing. So when you buy some stock from there, you know you're getting something good."

Animal Kingdom comes from a solid female family, filled with numerous stakes winners tracing to his fifth dam, German classic winner Diu. By Utrillo, Diu won the 1972 Preis der Diana (the German Oaks) at 1/4 miles and was third in the Schwarzgold-Rennen

ANIMAL KINGDOM	LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ), 2000 Bred by Haras Bage Do Sul Raced 3 yrs, 13 s, SW, \$1,658,377 152 f, 3 SW, 3.62 AEI	CANDY STRIPES, 1982 Bred by Allen Cowen Raced 2 yrs, 6 s, wnr, \$47,357 1,001 f, 61 SW, 1.73 AEI	BLUSHING GROOM, 1974 Bred by J. McNamee Sullivan Raced 2 yrs, 10 s, SW, \$407,153 512 f, 92 SW, 3.96 AEI	RED GOD, 1954 Bred by Harry Guggenheim Raced 3 yrs, 14s, SW, \$46,803	NASRULLAH, 1954 SPRING RUN, 1948	
		DISSEMBLE, 1989 Bred by Juddmonte Farms Unraced 9 f, 8 r, 6 w, 3 SW	BUBBLE COMPANY, 1977 Bred by Myriam Bollack Raced 1 yr, 12 s, wnr, \$27,027 10 f, 8 r, 6 w, 3 SW	LYPHARD, 1969 Bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin Raced 2 yrs, 12 s, SW, \$202,332	PRODICE, 1969 Bred by Roger Chandioux Raced 2 yrs, 10s, SW, \$187,460	WILD RISK, 1940 AIMEE, 1957 NORTHERN DANCER, 1961 GOOFED, 1960
			AHONOORA, 1975 Bred by Wyld Court Stud Raced 3 yrs, 20 s, SW, \$183,477 467 f, 45 SW, 2.20 AEI	LORENZACCIO, 1965 Bred by T. Rogers Raced 4 yrs, 24 s, SW, \$220,013	HELEN NICHOLS, 1966 Bred by C.A.B. St. George Raced 2 yrs, 12 s, wnr, \$13,476	PROMINER, 1962 EURIDICE, 1962 KLAIRON, 1952 PHOENISSA, 1951
		DALICIA, (GER), 2001 Bred by Carlton Consultantants Raced 5 yrs, 21 s, SW, \$195,532 3 f, 1r, 1w, 1 SW	ACATENANGO, 1982 Bred by Gestut Fahrhof Raced 4 yrs, 24s, SW, \$164,296 588 f, 80 SW, 1.95 AEI	KERALI, 1984 Bred by Juddmonte Farms Raced 2 yrs, 4 s, wnr, \$5,212 10 f, 8 r, 7 w, 3 SW	HIGH LINE, 1966 Bred by W. and R. Barnett Raced 4 yrs, 17 s, SW, \$59,520	MARTIAL, 1957 QUAKER GIRL, 1961 HIGH HAT, 1957 TIME CALL, 1955
	DYNAMIS, 1991 Bred by Gestut Rottgen Raced 3 yrs, 18 s, pl, \$5,382 5 f, 4 r, 4 w, 1 SW		SURUMU, 1974 Bred by Gestut Fahrhof Raced 3 yrs, 9s, SW, \$162,083 517 f, 60 SW, 1.24 AEI	SOOKERA, 1975 Bred by British Bloodstock and Robert Sangster Raced 1 yr, 5 s, SW, \$76,011	ROBERTO, 1969 IRULE, 1968 BIRKHAHN, 1945 LIS, 1960	
			AGGRAVATE, 1966 Bred by Worksop Manor Stud Raced 2 yrs, 10s, SW, \$19,006 9 f, 6 r, 7 w, 3 SW	LITERAT, 1965 Bred by Gestut Rosler Raced 2 yr, 7 s, SW	SURAMA, 1970 Bred by Gestut Fahrhof	RELIANCE II, 1962 SUNCOURT, 1952
	Bred by Team Valor in Kentucky; foaled March 20, 2008		DANCING BRAVE, 1983 Bred by Glen Oak Farm and Gainesway Farm Raced 2yrd, 10 s, SW, \$1,435,434 412 f, 38 SW, 2.31 AEI	DIASPRINA, 1986 Bred by Gestut Rottgen Raced 2 yrs, 11 s, SW, 12 f, 12 r, 10 w, 3 SW	AGGRESSOR II, 1955 Bred by Someries Stud Raced 4 yrs, 21 s, SW, \$104,398	COMBAT, 1944 PHAETONIA, 1945 MR. JINKS, 1926 GENTLEMEN'S RELISH, 1926
			DORLE, 1974 Bred by Gestut Rottgen	ASPROS, 1977 Bred by Gestut Rottgen Raced 4 yrs, 9 s, SW, \$2,464	RAVEN LOCKS, 1945 Bred by Mrs. J.P. Arkwright	NORTHERN DANCER, 1961 GOOFED, 1960
				NAVAJO PRINCESS, 1974 Bred by Carl Heidrich Raced 3 yrs, 35 s, SW, \$349,915	LYPHARD, 1969 Bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin Raced 2 yrs, 12 s, SW, \$202,332	DRONE, 1966 OLMEC, 1966
		ASPROS, 1977 Bred by Gestut Rottgen Raced 4 yrs, 9 s, SW, \$2,464		DORLE, 1974 Bred by Gestut Rottgen	SPARKLER, 1968 ANTWERPEN, 1972 RHEFFIC, 1968 DIU, 1969	



The bottom half of Animal Kingdom's pedigree has two of Europe's best in the 1980s: Acatenango and Dancing Brave

(the German One Thousand Guineas).

Team Valor has been rewarded handsomely with foreign-bred purchases over the years. Alone and in partnership, the outfit has raced numerous North American graded stakes winners, including grade I winners Becrux, Gitano Hernando, Gypsy's Warning, Sweet Stream, and The Deputy.

Last November, Team Valor came through with a Breeders' Cup win by a homebred runner produced from a South African-bred mare that Irwin had purchased. Pluck, out of Secret Heart, won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IIT).

Irwin and the Team Valor crew had another reason to celebrate the day of Animal Kingdom's Derby score. Daveron, making her first start of the year, won the Beaugay Stakes (gr. IIIT) at Belmont Park.

The mating of Leroidesanimaux and Dalicia almost didn't take place. Dalicia originally was to be bred to Lane's End Farm stallion Kingmambo, also a turf miler (plus a leading sire of grass runners) but the son of Mr. Prospector was suffering from a neurological disorder and didn't cover her. Irwin switched to Leroidesanimaux.

Stonewall was a partner at the time in Dalicia. "Richard Haisfield was happy with the change because he knew that was one of the best mares Leroidesanimaux would get that year," Irwin said.

Animal Kingdom was foaled at Craig and Holly Bandoroff's Denali Stud near Paris, Ky. Denali is one of numerous partners in the Derby winner.

"I keep a notebook on all the foals from the time they're born," said Craig Bandor-

"He (Animal Kingdom) was one of the ones that was big, leggy, and had quality from the get-go."

CRAIG BANDOROFF

off. "Just out of curiosity, I looked at it the other day.

"My first entry for Animal Kingdom was 'Nice colt, lots of quality.' Sometimes I underline the comments, which I did in his case, which means a really nice colt. He was one of the ones that was big, leggy, and had quality from the get-go. I don't want to say he got better every day, but he kept his quality."

Animal Kingdom was consigned to the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale by Denali Stud, agent.

"He prepped for the sale really well, and we put him in Book 2," Bandoroff said. "That's a strong book. He was by a stallion who was a very good racehorse but was a foreign-bred."

Animal Kingdom was bought back by Team Valor for \$100,000. Irwin later formed a partnership to race Animal Kingdom under the Team Valor umbrella.

Dاليا's next oldest foal is a 2-year-old Mr. Greeley colt named Thursby, who was bought back by Team Valor for \$80,000 at the 2010 Keeneland September yearling sale. He is in training with Motion.

Dاليا was sold at the 2009 Tattersalls December breeding stock sale carrying a full brother to Thursby. Consigned by European Sales Management, agent,

Dاليا was purchased by Shadai Farm for \$387,316. Dalicia's foal from that mating was sold as a weanling by Shadai to Hiroyoshi Usuda for \$236,964 at the 2010 Japan Racing Horse Association select foals and yearling sale in July.

The bottom half of Animal Kingdom's pedigree is bolstered not only by Diu but by two of Europe's leading runners of the 1980s, Acatenango and Dancing Brave, Dalicia's sire and broodmare sire, respectively. Acatenango won the IBM-PC Pokal Deutsches Derby (Ger-I, German Derby) and the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (Fr-I). He led the German sires' list four times and was Germany's leading broodmare sire in 2009. His daughter, multiple champion Borgia, won the German Derby and ran second in the 1997 Breeders' Cup Turf (gr. IT).

Dancing Brave, a Kentucky-bred son of Lyphard, was a champion and major winner at a mile and beyond. At 3 in 1986 he won the General Accident Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-I) at a mile and the Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Fr-I) and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (Eng-I), both at 1½ miles.

Leroidesanimaux has sired three graded stakes winners, including 2011 grade II winner Always a Princess, who has earned \$516,048. Leroidesanimaux was moved to Stonewall Farm Ocala for this year's breeding season. His fee is \$10,000.

Animal Kingdom's proud showing in the Kentucky Derby is another high-water mark in Florida breeding. "We believe in the Florida market, and we're hoping he helps reignite the Florida breeding industry," Hemingway said. **U**

ANIMAL KINGDOM'S RACE RECORD AND FAMILY NOTES

KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY YUM! BRANDS (gr. I), Churchill Downs, May 7, \$2,000,000 guaranteed, value of race \$2,171,800, 3-year-olds, 126 pounds, 10 furlongs, 2:02.04 (track record, 1:59.40), track fast.

ANIMAL KINGDOM (ch c), **A++**\$1,411,800

Leroidesanimaux (Brz)—Dاليا (Ger), by Acatenango
B/O—Team Valor, Ky.; T—H. Graham Motion

Nehro (b c), **A**\$400,000

Mineshaft—The Administrator, by Afleet
B—Mt. Brilliant Farm, Ky.; O—Zayat Stables

Mucho Macho Man (b c), **B**\$200,000

Macho Uno—Ponche de Leona, by Ponche
B—John D. and Carole A. Rio, Fla.; O—Reeves Thoroughbred Racing
and Dream Team One Racing Stable

Margins: 2¾, neck, ¾. Others: Shackelford (\$100,000), Master of Hounds (\$60,000), Santiva, Brilliant Speed, Dialed In, Pants On Fire, Twice the Appeal, Soldat, Stay Thirsty, Derby Kitten, Decisive Moment, Archarcharch, Midnight Interlude, Twinspired, Watch Me Go, Comma to the Top. Scratched: Uncle Mo. Winning jockey, John Velazquez.

ANIMAL KINGDOM'S RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2010	at 2	2	1	1	0	\$33,800
2011	at 3	3	2(2)	1	0	\$1,704,900
	Lifetime	5	3(2)	2	0	\$1,738,700

Sire: LEROIDESANIMAUX, ch, 2000. Raced 3 yrs in Brz and NA, 13 sts, 9 wins, \$1,749,337.

Champion turf male. Won Atto Mile S (Can-IT), Citation H (gr. IT), Frank E. Kilroe Mile H (gr. IT), Fourstardave H (gr. IIT), Inglewood H (gr. IIIT), Morvich H (gr. IIIT); 2nd NetJets Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT), Grande Premio Associacao Brasileira de Criadores e Proprietarios do Cavallo de Corrida (Brz-I).

Lifetime: 3 crops, 152 foals, 77 mrs (51%), 45 wns (30%), 13 2yo wns (9%), 3 sw (2%), 2.62 AEI, 1.90 CI, 56 sale yrlds, avg \$35,064, 0.8 TNA.

In 2011: 2 sw, 27 2yos, 2 2yo mrs, 1 2yo wnr, 1 sale yrld, \$12,000.

1st dam: DALICIA (Ger), b, 2001. Bred by Carlton Consultants (Ger). Raced 5 yrs in Ger, Fr, and NA, 21 sts, 3 wins, \$195,532. Won Preis der Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Ger-III); 2nd Jean Harzheim-Rennen; 3rd Lotto Hessen-Pokal (Ger-III), Grand Prix de Compiègne. Dam of 2 named foals, 1 mr, 1 wnr, 1 sw.

2008: ANIMAL KINGDOM, ch c, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). (\$100,000 keesep yrld).

At 3: Won Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), Vinery Racing Spiral S (gr. III).

2009: Thursby, ch c, by Mr. Greeley. Unraced. (\$80,000 keesep yrld).

2010: by Mr. Greeley.

Inbreeding: 4SX4D Lyphard.

Nicking: LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ) w/ACATENANGO (GER) mares: 1 foal, 1 str, 1 wnr (100%), 1 2yo wnr (100%), 1 SW (100%), 1 GSW (100%)

Broodmare sire: ACATENANGO, ch, 1982-2005. Sire of 207 dams of 860 foals, 588 mrs (68%), 349 wns (41%), 81 2yo wns (9%), 1.01 AEI, 1.44 CI; 37 sw.

2nd dam: Dynamis, b, 1991. Bred by Gestut Rottgen (Ire). Raced 3 yrs in Eng, 18 sts, 0 wins, \$5,382. Granddam of **DAVERON**.