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Morning Molly Carries the Silks of Willow Lane Stables to Stakes Victory



Photo: Coady Photography

Willow Lane Stables' homebred Morning Molly took a huge step up in her racing career by adding some black type to her resume with a big win in the \$75,000 Jersey Lilly Turf Stakes at Sam Houston on January 31st. She was making her second start following a nine month layoff after

running second at Tampa Bay Downs on New Year's Day. The bay mare by Morning Line is lightly raced, the stakes win marking only her seventh career start. However she has no doubt made the most out of those efforts, which include six wins or second place finishes. Morning Molly was foaled and raised at Endeavor Farm and is the first foal out of Honor Your Gift (by Sightseeing). This mare comes from a foundation female family which has been developed here on this property over the course of many, many years, going back to her dam, American Flier, and her dam, Flew By Em. This is a very special win for John Kuehl's Willow Lane Stables and for Endeavor Farm. Honor Your Gift is currently in foal to Lookin' at Lucky and will be bred to Caravaggio later this spring. Congratulations, John. We are thrilled and humbled to be able to share in the excitement of this victory with you!



Morning Molly as a foal in March 2016



Dialed In – My Heart Goes On
Chestnut colt; Foaled: 1/24/21
Breeder: Coal Creek Farm

Foaling Season 2021 Has Officially Begun!



Curlin – Cassies Dreamer
Bay filly; Foaled: 1/31/21
Breeder: GMP Stables, LLC

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale Yearlings



Hip #11

Brody's Cause – Marsantropist
 Bay colt; Foaled: 3/27/20
 Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Wilhite



Hip #82

Mendelssohn – Poppy's Baby Girl
 Bay colt; Foaled: 5/15/20
 Breeder: Endeavor Farm



Hip #169

Cloud Computing – Silk's Diamond
 Dk. bay/br. filly; Foaled: 2/28/20
 Breeder: JRita Young Thoroughbreds



Hip #263

Destin – Vivian Da Bling
 Gray/roan filly; Foaled: 1/30/20
 Breeder: JRita Young Thoroughbreds



Hip #345

Jimmy Creed – Brooklyn Bites
 Gray/roan colt; Foaled: 3/12/20
 Breeder: JRita Young Thoroughbreds



Hip #479

Central Banker – Homespun Beauty
 Bay colt; Foaled: 3/29/20
 Breeder: Lawrence J Winkelspecht III

Obituary for Sam Tsagalakis



Photo & Obituary: USC Athletics

Former USC placekicker Sam Tsagalakis, whose last-minute game-winning field goal beat Stanford in 1953, died on Saturday, January 2 in Pasadena, Calif., of lymphoma. He was 88.

He hit a 38-yard field goal with 14 seconds to play to give No. 17 USC a 23-20 victory over No. 11 Stanford in 1953. It was only the second time in Trojan history that a kicker made a field goal in the final minute to win a game, following Johnny Baker's famous field goal that beat Notre Dame in 1931.

Tsagalakis, who stood just 5' 7" and weighed 165 pounds during his USC playing days, was nicknamed "The Toe." He lettered 3 years (1952-53-54) at USC after prepping at nearby Manual Arts High. The 1952 and 1954 Trojans played in the Rose Bowl, where Tsagalakis kicked a PAT in each game (a 7-0 win over Wisconsin and then a 20-7 loss to Ohio State). The 1952 squad finished 10-1 and was ranked fifth in the nation.

After USC, he became a salesman, first in the construction industry and then in the coffee business.

Tsagalakis was predeceased by his wife, Joanie, a former longtime employee of the USC Athletic Department. He is survived by sons Michael (partner Donna) and Mark (wife Cindy and daughter Audrey), and his sister Helen. A private family service will be held at a later date.

It is with a profound sadness that Endeavor Farm acknowledges the death of Sam Tsagalakis, father of Endeavor Farm partner Mark Tsagalakis. Sam left us on January 2, 2021 at the age of 88.

This obituary comes from the USC Trojans. As you can see, Sam was a beloved football hero while at USC, his exploits are listed above.

However, the side of Sam's life I want to share is his love of the sport of horseracing. Sam was a fan during the glory years of racing in Southern California. Swaps was the Derby king of 1955 and Silky Sullivan kept the racing world captivated with his come from out of the clouds racing style. It was the time of Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, as well as Louis B. Mayer and Cecil B. DeMille. Racing was glamorous and glorious to the fans of that era. From stories I've heard, Sam loved to spend time at Santa Anita.

When his son Mark was old enough to read a racing form, he, too, became enamored with the sport and later became a groom, a hot walker, and eventually a trainer. Yes, Sam had imparted a love of the sport of horseracing and had a true fan in his son.

Sam was able to visit Endeavor Farm and it was evident when here, he was like a kid in a candy store. He wanted to know everything about foaling and breeding. Always trying to find answers and always done with enthusiasm for the sport. If you know Mark, you see that same love for racing, and Endeavor Farm is a better place because of that love.

While Sam's race on earth is over, a Grade 1 winning life is left to admire. I am sure that the same love of horseracing has followed Sam and he is currently asking Bill Shoemaker about how he could misjudge the Derby finish with Gallant Man, and chatting with Mesh Tenney and "Sunny" Jim Fitzsimmons about the Swaps and Nashua rivalry. What a great way to spend eternity!