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South Central Stables Celebrates Three Wins to Close Out the Year

Clyde Taylor’s South Central Stables certainly closed out 2022 with an emphatic bang, picking up victories with three different homebreds during the waning weeks of the year. First up was Misty Day (by Race Day), who came home to her seventh career win in allowance company at Delta Downs on November 16th. The bay mare got up late for a half-length score to push her lifetime earnings over the \$160,000 mark. Nine days later, Misty Day’s younger half-brother, Charlie’s Creed (by Jimmy Creed), followed suit. The three-year-old gelding went gate-to-wire to win a maiden special weight race at Fair Grounds in only his second career start. Both Misty Day and Charlie’s Creed are out of longtime resident Misty Run (by Vindication), who is the dam of Grade III winner Dunkin Bend. Finishing out the year was another decisive gate-to-wire performance by Louisiana-bred Gold Punch (Goldencents – Reata’s Quik Punch, by Two Punch). The dark bay gelding dominated his allowance company at Fair Grounds on December 15th to get his second career victory. He has hit the board a whopping 13 times in 18 starts. All three of these horses were bred by Clyde Taylor’s Cypress Bend Farm. Great work by trainers Keith Bourgeois and Ron Faucheux, as well as jockeys Vicente Del-Cid and Reylu Gutierrez.



Una Palabra Runs a Very Impressive Second on Debut

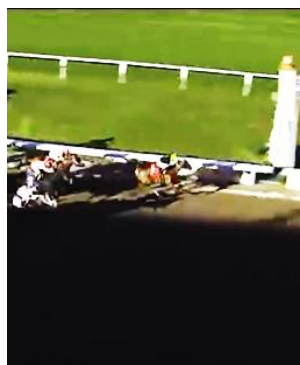
Longtime resident broodmare One for You (by Dayjur) has produced yet another promising looking foal who exuded confidence and class in her first career start at Turf Paradise on December 15th. Una Palabra got bumped at the start, but wasn’t phased as she sat off the pace before launching a three-wide bid to storm down the stretch, just missing the win getting beat by a head. The bay filly by McCracken was foaled and raised at Endeavor Farm. She looks poised to have a very bright future for her owner and breeder, Barbara Ratcliff’s Coal Creek Farm.



Misty Day



Charlie’s Creed



Gold Punch

Litigate in Derby Contention After Dominating First Start

It may only be January, but the Kentucky Derby buzz is already in full swing. Following a domineering debut score at Aqueduct, Todd Pletcher trainee Litigate (Blame - Salsa Diavola, by Mineshaft) found himself as a 57/1 choice in Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 2, which closed Thanksgiving weekend. The \$370,000 yearling purchase by current owner Centennial Farms is entered in an allowance race at Gulfstream Park on January 8th. Current farm resident broodmare Salad Mood (by Malibu Moon) is a half-sister to Litigate's dam, and she happens to be in foal to Blame, making the baby in her belly a three-quarter sibling to Litigate. Salad Mood was purchased from the 2022 Keeneland November Sale by Tim Harris' Circle Bar H. Let's hope Litigate continues on like he has and we get a big page update for Salad Mood!



Litigate

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Salad Mood

Dadstar Latest Winner for Bassim, Paymaster, & Slugo

Congratulations to farm clients Paymaster Racing and Slugo Racing, along with their partner Bassim LLC, who campaign yet another winner in Dadstar (Dads Caps – Whispers of War, by War Front). The bay gelding went off as the heavy favorite and led the entire race to break his maiden by two lengths at Los Alamitos on December 11th. The big win came after running second in three of his previous four starts. Way to get it done! Sharp training by Mike Puype and a sweet ride by jockey Kyle Frey.

