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Foaling Season Rolls On



Shakin It Up – Said And Done
 Bay filly; Foaled: 2/16/17
 Breeder: Tooth and Kent LLC,
 Linda Guerlin, & Richard Painter



Lea – Cozy Up
 Bay filly; Foaled: 2/23/17
 Breeder: Endeavor Farm & Lenny
 Kohn



ArchArchArch – Cotton Ball
 Dark bay colt; Foaled: 2/22/16
 Breeder: Slugo Racing & Mike
 Puype Racing



ArchArchArch – Silver Hustler
 Bay colt; Foaled: 2/23/16
 Breeder: Silver Hustler Partners &
 Endeavor Farm



Medal Count – Henry's Posse
 Bay colt
 Foaled: 2/20/17
 Breeder: Tooth
 and Kent LLC

Photo: Amanda Hodges Weir/Hodges Photography



Cowboy Culture Wins Stake to Stay Undefeated

Cowboy Culture (Quality Road – English Willow, by Smart Strike) added some black type to his page on February 4th, winning the Keith G. Memorial Stakes at Fair Grounds. That makes three wins in as many starts for the 3-year-old colt, keeping his perfect record unblemished after breaking his maiden first ask then winning an allowance optional claim. Cowboy Culture was sale prepped at Endeavor Farm for the 2015 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, where he was consigned by Vinery Sales for \$100,000. Congratulations to his breeder, Rhineshire Farm, as well as his current connections which include owner Cheyenne Stables, trainer Brad Cox, and jockey Florent Geroux.



Employee Spotlight

Keith Haag

Farm Manager

Originally a native of Louisville, Kentucky, Keith moved to Lexington in 2004 to attend the University of Kentucky. His first experience in the Thoroughbred industry occurred during this time when he started working at Maine Chance Farm, a breeding and research farm owned by the University. While an undergrad student, Keith completed internships at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute as an embryo transfer intern and also for the USDA as an overseas agricultural intern in the Republic of Georgia. Upon graduating from UK in 2009 with a B.S. in Animal Sciences, he worked for a breeding season as a veterinary technician for Dr. Mike Beyer in central Kentucky. Keith moved to Carbondale, Illinois in 2010 to begin a Master's program in Equine Reproductive Physiology under Dr. Eduardo Gastal at Southern Illinois University. After successfully defending his thesis on equine preantral follicle dynamics, Keith received his M.S. in 2012 and moved back to Versailles, Kentucky, where he began working as Broodmare Manager at Richland Hills and has been with the farm since. He lives on the farm with his amazing wife, Laura, who works for Hill n' Dale farm.

Photo: NYTB



Italian Syndicate Impresses in Maiden Victory

With an overwhelming 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ length score at Aqueduct on February 17th, Italian Syndicate looked great breaking his maiden in his fourth career start. The dark bay or brown ridgling by Girolamo was bumped at the start but still led gate to wire and drew off under a hand ride for Irad Ortiz, Jr. He finished the 6 furlong contest in an easy 1:12.24 and picked up \$24,600 for the win. Italian Syndicate was bred in New York by J Rita Young Thoroughbreds and he resided at Endeavor Farm from shortly after his foaling until he was prepped and sent to the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale, where he was purchased by Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey for \$65,000. He was claimed in his previous start by his current owner and trainer, Rudy Rodriguez. We look for this sharp colt to continue his winning ways and would like to extend a huge congratulations to all of his connections. A job well done by all involved.