



At Perretti, Triple Crown Legacy Is International

PERHAPS it is fitting that the first trotting Triple Crown winner in 32 years will be standing at Perretti Farms in New Jersey since Super Bowl, the last Triple Crown winner in 1972, spent many a day in training at Stanley Dancer's farm in New Egypt, which is just a few furlongs away from Perretti's Cream Ridge location.

And Windsong's Legacy is not the only new big name at Perretti Farms. There's also the internationally celebrated Revenue, who following an illustrious intercontinental campaign, will now embark upon his stud career.

Windsong's Legacy, the most prominent son of Conway Hall, who is also the sire of such big winners as Pizza Dolce (\$668,824) and Broadway Hall (\$436,790), became the first trotting colt to win the coveted and elusive Triple Crown since Super Bowl, and he did it by dominating a crop that also included last year's Trotter of the Year, Cantab Hall, and the fastest trotter of all time, Tom Ridge (\$886,144).

Windsong's Legacy's victories consisted of the Triple Crown troika of the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot and

Kentucky Futurity. In addition, he also annexed such stellar events as the Canadian Trotting Classic, the Goodtimes and Stanley Dancer Trot finals. In all he won nine of 12 starts in 2004 and set a single-season earnings record of \$1,733,896.

Being by Conway Hall—one of three outstanding Garland Lobell-Amour Angus full brothers—Windsong's Legacy has not one ounce of Valley Victory blood. This is a fact obviously not lost on the Perretti Farms brain trust, who conveniently stand Valley Victory's premier son Muscles Yankee, who repeated this year as the leading money-winning trotting sire in all categories. But more about him later.

Windsong's Legacy will stand his first season in 2005 for a fee of \$12,500. He is also in the process of being syndicated. According to farm spokespeople, prospective breeders or purchasers should act quickly as interest in this Triple Crown champion and Horse of the Year candidate is extremely high.

Muscles Yankee, considered by many the optimum trotting stallion in the world today, enjoyed another stellar

Windsong's Legacy became the first trotting Triple Crown winner in 32 years. He started off his sweep with a victory in the Hambletonian in early August. (Lisa Photo)

season, repeating as the money-winning leader in all categories. In addition, his son Tom Ridge became the all-time fastest trotter, winning the World Trotting Derby in straight heats with miles in 1:51 and 1:50.2.

Muscle Yankee's daughter Housethatruth built 3, 1:52.4 (\$984,778), a likely 3-year-old trotting filly champion, was prominent all year with victories in the Kentucky Filly Futurity and Breeders Crown, while his older son Mr. Muscleman was the foremost North American trotter, increasing his career earnings to \$1,886,437.

In addition, the Muscles Yankees topped the yearling portion of the Harrisburg sale with 45 head averaging \$70,178. Muscles Yankee's 2005 stud fee has been set at \$20,000, and already there is an overflow of interest.

Then there's Revenue 1:51.3 (\$1,998,608), who represents the ultimate international package in both pedigree and performance and could well be that milestone champion breeders on both sides of the pond have long been seeking.

Performance wise, Revenue ranks among the great trotters of all time, having won just about every major prize in Europe before decimating the best we had to offer on these shores in the 2004 Nat Ray and Allerage classics. In the Allerage Open at The Red Mile, he trotted to a 1:51.3 record, causing John Campbell to proclaim him as "the most intelligent horse I've ever driven," which, considering Campbell's equine associations, is quite an endorsement.

Pedigree wise, Revenue is the embodiment of the best in international bloodlines, being a true champion sired by a true champion. His sire is Reve d'Udon, the record-setting Roosevelt International winner in 1990, whose grandsire, Kerjacques, is best known for his all-time great daughter Une de Mai and champion son Jorky, who both won in Europe and the U.S.

Revenue's dam, Hazel Sund, dam also of other stakes winners, is 100 percent American, tracing directly back to



Revenue, shown here capturing the Nat Ray at the Meadowlands on Hambletonian Day, brings both international racing accomplishments and an international pedigree to Perretti. (Monica Thors Photo)

Castleton Farm's immortal Scotch Love, the dam of Triple Crown champion Speedy Scot, who via his son Speedy Crown repositioned the trotting breed to its stature today.

Consequently, the produce of Revenue and American broodmares will have that 25-75 percent French-American dosage ratio that international breeding experts cite as the correct combination to produce contemporary superstars.

Revenue's stud fee is \$7,500.

Oh yes, upon inspection, renowned veterinarian Dr. Peter Boyce proclaimed both Windsong's Legacy and Revenue as "full book stallions."

Completing the trotting roster is the exquisitely-bred Dream Vacation 4, 1:52 (\$616,257), whose first foals will race in 2005. Dream Vacation sports both speed and a blue-blooded pedigree. He took his record of 1:52 from the 10 hole in a free-for-all trot at the Meadowlands, although his all-time claim to fame will be as the pacesetter in Varenne's 1:51.3 world record at the Big M. As for his pedigree, he is a son of champion Pine Chip from Victory Dream's full sister, Dream On Victory.

Shifting gaits, Perretti's pacing power rests in the sires McArdle, Red River Hanover, Artiscap and Matt's Scooter.

McArdle p,3, 1:49 (\$2,455,609) was one of the fastest and toughest racehorses in modern time. As a sophomore he won the Tattersalls and Jug Preview and finished second in the Breeders Crown, then at four he captured the William Haughton Memorial, defeating Art Major, and won the Magical Mike.

Making his home at Perretti was a natural for McArdle since he was bred

and raised at the farm. McArdle's dam, Liltling Laughter (Nihilator-Happy Sharon), was purchased from the Castleton Farm pacing dispersal at Tattersalls in 1997 for the express purpose of mating with Falcon Seelster, who was returning to the U.S. after having stood Down Under.

McArdle stands for a fee of \$6,000.

No one can doubt that there's plenty of speed in Red River Hanover's blood, and it was proven again this year when his younger three-quarter brother Rocknroll Hanover (by Western Ideal) became the sport's first sub-1:50 two year old when he paced to a 1:49.4 victory at Woodbine in winning the Metro.

Red River Hanover is by Western Hanover out of the prolific Rich N Elegant. In addition to his bloodlines, Red River Hanover has the looks and racing resume to make him an attractive commodity at stud. He's been called the "best-looking son" of Rich N Elegant, and as for his racing career, he won the North America Cup in 1:48.4,

bettering all existing all-age Canadian pacing standards.

When it comes to the Perretti stallion Artiscap, one horse speaks volumes about his sireing accomplishments: Rainbow Blue p,3, 1:49.2 (\$1,297,684). The 3-year-old pacing filly stamped herself as one of the greatest of all time when she won 20 races and only suffered one defeat in her stellar sophomore campaign. In all of her victories she dominated her competition, but two that stand out were her 1:49.2 victories in a Fan Hanover elim at Woodbine and the Nadia Lobell final at The Red Mile.

Rainbow Blue gave Artiscap big back-to-back seasons on the track. In 2003 his sons Yankee Cruiser, Artesian and Escape The Wind were the winners of the North America Cup, New Jersey Classic and Bluegrass, respectively.

Veteran Perretti stallion Matt's Scooter, the sire of such stars as Mach Three p,3, 1:49 (\$2,170,255) and Mystical Maddy p,4, 1:50 (\$1,436,325), had another big winner on the track in 2004 as his son Royal Mattjesty turned in his biggest season ever at age five. Royal Mattjesty paced to a mark of 1:48.4 and earned \$850,186 with victories in the Allerage Open Pace, the Magical Mike, a Breeders Crown elim, the Battle of Lake Erie, and the Classic at the Meadowlands. Those exploits increased his career earnings to \$1,639,485, making him Matt's Scooter's second richest son.

Once again, the Perretti Farms yearling consignment will sell at Harrisburg in 2005. The headliner should be the Real Desire brother to Modern Art appropriately named Modern Desire. ■



Muscles Yankee, the 1998 Hambletonian champion, enjoyed a stellar season as a sire in 2004 with his offspring Tom Ridge becoming the sport's fastest trotter with his 1:50.2 mile at Du Quoin, Ill., in the World Trotting Derby. (Lisa Photo)