

EQUIX has advised horsemen since 1984, and we still work with some of our first customers. Our OptiMatch® breeding program was immediately popular and added a new dimension to the art of planning matings.

One of our first clients was Franklin Groves' **North Ridge Farm**, which earned an *Eclipse Award* as *Outstanding Breeder* in 1989. EQUIX also assisted in planning the matings that produced 1992 Kentucky Derby winner **Lil E. Tee** and 1991 Breeders' Cup Turf winner and Champion **Miss Alleged**.

EQUIX has served as an advisor to **Eugene Melnyk** and his Winding Oaks Farm since 1998 and helped identify many of his most successful racehorses: G1 SWs **Speightstown**, **Flower Alley**, **Harmony Lodge**, **Bishop Court Hill**, and **Pool Land**; G2 SWs Strong Hope, Indian Vale, and Harlington; and many other stakes winners. When his operation developed into a breed-to-race program, EQUIX provided OptiMatch® data for the Winding Oaks mares. Melnyk color bearers include *Sovereign Award* winners **Sealy Hill**, **Marchfield**, **Roxy Gap**, and **Leigh Court**; GSWs Bridgetown, James Street, Sterwins, Gemswick Park; SWs Barracks Road, Carem Crescent, Clement Rock, and many others.

Mr. Melnyk has ranked among the top five leading owners and breeders in North America for several years. He was honored with a *Sovereign Award* for *Leading Owner* and *Leading Breeder* in Canada in 2009. He also was honored as *Outstanding Owner of the Year* in 2005 by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and was a finalist for an *Eclipse Award* as *Leading Owner* that same year.

Other EQUIX clients we have worked with and selected horses for over the years include:

William L. Clifton, Jr. campaigned G1 SWs **Tizway** (\$1.3-million earner), **Behrens** (\$4.5-million earner), **Will's Way** (\$954k earner), plus other Graded earners Kitty in a Tizzy, Hostess, Solitaire, Pleasant Breeze (\$1.2-million earner), Fortuitous, Transcendental, O. K. by Me, and Nevermore. Using OptiMatch®, Mr. Clifton bred GSWs Rhythm Band (\$1.3-million earner) and Willy of the Valley and the GSP winners Senor Fizz and Musical. **Will's Way** was also bred by EQUIX client Robert Quinichett using OptiMatch®.

Robert and Lawana Low raced and/or bred G1 SW **Capote Belle** and G1 Kentucky Derby placed Steppenwolfer, along with GSWs Posse, Real Cozzy, and Green Fee. More recent SWs include **Agent di Nozzo**, Zapper Belle, and Ha Ha Tonka.

Selections for **Jim and Susan Hill** include *Sovereign Award Winner* **Solid Appeal** and GSWs **Grand Arch**, **Go Blue or Go Home**, Tizahit, Canadian classic winner Miami Deco, SWs Sharp Sensation and Lemon Splendor, GSP Monty's Best, MSP City Trooper, and MSP Platinum Exchange.

Selections at the 2YO sales for **Robert Bartels** include GSW **Shadowbdancing** (\$1-million earner), MSW Bluesbdancing, and SP Phaniebdancing and Readybdancing.

Silverton Hill's G1 Blue Grass Stakes winner **Dominican** and GSP Sedgfield made an entry in the 2007 Kentucky Derby. Both were 2YO sales selections, as was GSP winner St. Joe.

EQUIX's OptiMatch® breeding program assisted these clients, and many others, with their mating selections:

Bonner Young of Bonner Farm bred and raced G1 SW **Bit of Whimsy**, along with G1 SWs Miss Josh and Royal Mountain Inn, G2 SW **Caroline Thomas**, G3 SWs Highland Crystal and Highland Springs, and other graded performers. GSP Sky Blazer and SP Mills have also carried her colors in recent added money events.

Monticule, breeder of Champion **Big Brown**, also bred GSWs Prussian, Joe Vann, and Dijeerr; SWs Isnd He Clever, Sharp Writer, Glenwood Canyon, Queen of the Creek, Arch Traveler, Sky's Goldmaker; and others. Monticule also sold a \$9-million yearling by Danzig using OptiMatch®.

Robert Harvey bred and raced **Hollinger**, *Sovereign Award* winner for Champion 2yo in Canada, and bred GSW Bickersons, GSP Dancehall Deelites, and SP Banker's Street. EQUIX also assisted Mr. Harvey in selecting 2001 *Sovereign Award* winner Numerous Times as a yearling.

Bill Geist's Woodbridge Farm bred G1 SW Bevo, GSW **Wilburn** and his dam, GSW Moonlight Sonata. This mare also produced GSW Beethoven and the sale of her offspring at auction grossed \$2.1-million of our client.

Siena Farm-bred stakes performers include: MSW Alaura Michele, MSW Outside Nashville, GSP **Angela Renee**, GSP Dewey Square, GSP **Private Ensign**, GSP Elnaawi, SP Anna Sophia, and SP South Floyd.

Red Oak Stables rank among the Leading Owners at Monmouth Park each year. Their breed-to-race program, based at their Ocala, Florida, farm, has produced many black-type earners over the years, including GSW **Unbridled Essence**; SWs Casino Transaction, Feel That Fire, and Ima Jersey Girl; and SP runners Stand and Salute, Charleymillionaire, Dancing Lion, Debonair Darling, and Keep the Canoli.

Richard Rudolph's breeding program focused on Illinois-breds and he had great success with OptiMatch®, producing SW Deposit Express and her offspring MSW **Magnetic Miss**, SW/MSP Royal Express, and SW Hydro Power. He also bred GSW Stonehouse, MSW/GSP San Pedro, SW Freeway Ticket, and GSP Castlewood.

Duke Burris's foundation mare **Goldspell**, produced SW Bashful Charmer and her other daughter, Lovethespell, produced SW/GSP Cool Spell (dam of MSW Coarsegold), MSW Our Double Play, and GSP Presto Change O.

