Amigo Volo Looks To Continue
Pinske Success In ISS

The 2-year-old gelding trotter Amigo Volo, who set a world record with his 1:52.2 effort in a $105,500 Bluegrass division last week at The Red Mile, will attempt to go back-to-back when he starts from post 7 for driver Dexter Dunn in the second of three $92,100 International Stallion Stake splits on Thursday.

The son of Father Patrick is trained by 24-year-old Carter Pinske, an assistant in the barn of trainer Nifty Norman. Amigo Volo wasn’t Pinske’s only stakes winner in the first week of Grand Circuit action in Lexington as he also sent out 2-year-old filly pacers Marloe Hanover and Annabelle Hanover to victories last Friday in Bluegrass action, giving him a perfect three-for-three slate. Those three wins resulted in $193,000 in purse earnings.

“It’s crazy. I never dreamt it,” Pinske said at his barn at The Red Mile on Tuesday morning. Amigo Volo is owned by Pinske Stables, which consists of his father, Karl, and grandmother, Marlys, in partnership with David J. Miller. Pinske Stables also shares ownership of Marloe Hanover and Annabelle Hanover, and they added another victory that day when Love A Good Story, who is trained by Julie Miller, won a Bluegrass division for 2-year-old filly trotters.

“It’s special with the ownership group,” said Pinske, who graduated from South Dakota State with degrees in animal science and business. “It’s my dad and my grandma, and it’s the first season without my grandpa (Tim, who died last year), and it’s just a special feeling. I think my grandpa had something to do with this, smiling down from up there.”

In the Bluegrass, Amigo Volo lowered the previous world mark of 1:53.1 set by Outburst in 2013 at The Red Mile. Amigo Volo came into the race with two wins in six starts, including a 1:59 score in a Pocono overnight and a 1:54.4 effort in a Pennsylvania Sires Stake at Harrah’s Philadelphia. That latter effort was

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a world record for freshman gelding trotters on a five-eighths mile track, but it has since been broken.

Dunn was win the sulky in the Bluegrass as Amigo Volo charged first-over approaching three-quarters before drawing clear with a last quarter of :26.3 to draw clear by seven lengths.

“I expected him to be competitive, but when I saw the race before go in 1:52.2 I didn’t think he could trot that fast,” said Pinske, whose assistant in Lexington is his girlfriend, Makenna Amiss. “When Dexter came up first-up I saw he had quite a bit of horse so I thought we would give them a run for their money. (The world record) was a big surprise but it was awesome.”

Pinske said The Red Mile suits Amigo Volo fine.

“A lot of horses come here and excel, but I didn’t see him dropping that much time,” he said. “But he seems to get along here. He’s relaxed and likes the surface.”

A $42,000 yearling purchase, Amigo Volo has earnings of $168,646. He is a full brother to 2018 Kindergarten Series champion Reign Of Honor. Only Amigo Volo will be in action this week for Pinske as Marloe Hanover and Annabelle Hanover are not eligible to the International Stallion.

“Then he’ll go back home and take a couple weeks off, and then go to the Breeders Crown,” Pinske said about Amigo Volo.—By Gordon Waterstone
The Future of Trotting

Hanover Shoe Farms is extremely proud to be the future home of trotting sensation Greenshoe who will stand at stud beginning with the 2020 season. We want to congratulate his owners Courant Inc., Hans Backe, Lars Granqvist and Morten Langli, trainer Marcus Melander and driver Brian Sears on his thrilling victory in a division of the Bluegrass Stake on Sunday afternoon, September 29 at The Red Mile in a lifetime best 1:49.4. The win is number eleven for this spectacular son of Father Patrick, who now boasts a career bankroll of $1,016,273. We wish him continued success for the rest of his racing career.

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GREENSHOE

2,1:53.3, 3,1:49.4-’19 ($1,016, 723) Father Patrick-Designed To Be-Donato Hanover

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Campbell Tosses A Pair Of 3s With A Pair Of “Sherrys” In Friday’s ISS

While trainer Jim Campbell is known primarily for his work with Fashion Farms-owned horses, he also a pair of 2-year-old filly trotters in his barn owned by John Floren’s Coyote Wynd Farms.

Madame Sherry and Sherry Lyns Lady, both purchased at last year’s Lexington Selected Sale by Coyote Wynd Farms and renamed for Floren’s wife, Sherry, will start in separate divisions of the $290,200 International Stallion (ISS) for 2-year-old filly trotters on Friday afternoon at The Red Mile. The nine-race card also includes two divisions of the $239,000 ISS for 2-year-old filly pacers.

“She has a tough, racey attitude to her and she’s just been super all year”
–Jim Campbell about Sherry Lyns Lady

Tim Tetrick will drive both Madame Sherry (post 3, Race 7), and Sherry Lyns Lady (post 3, Race 8). Madame Sherry comes into her race with a record of 5-1-2-1 and $43,373 in earnings, while Sherry Lyns Lady has a slate of 9-2-5-1 and $264,514 in earnings.

“The Coyote Wynd team picked both of them out last year, and my compliments to them, they picked two really nice fillies,” Campbell said on Wednesday morning at his barn at The Red Mile. “I had nothing to do with picking them out.”

Madame Sherry, a $100,000 yearling purchase (as Saints And Sinners), is a half-sister to the $800,000 winner Will Take Charge. Her dam, Celebrity Angel, is a half-sister to the 2001 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Almost An Angel. Madame Sherry got a little bit of a late start to her career, according to Campbell. When she finally made her debut in a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes on July 2 at The Meadows, the fourth-place finish didn’t come without consequences.

“When she trained down I thought she was as good—or better—than Sherry Lyn, then she had a few problems along the way,” explained Campbell. “She was a week or two late getting started with her baby races. And then in her first start at The Meadows she got hit in the eye with a rock and she lost over a month. She was in the vet hospital for almost two weeks and almost lost her eye.”

Returning after a six-week layoff, Madame Sherry then posted a first, second and third in Pennsylvania Stallion divisions. In her last start on Sept. 27 in an $82,000 Bluegrass division at The Red Mile, the daughter of Father Patrick finished second.

“We were really happy with the way she raced last week,” said Campbell. “She raced good at Pocono (the week before when she closed late to finish third). She came flying but her cover went dead around the last turn and they automatically lose two lengths when that happens at Pocono. She was flying down at the wire.”

As for Sherry Lyns Lady, she was a $220,000 yearling purchase (as Courtesy Notice). A daughter of Father Patrick, her

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dam is Demoiselle Hanover, a half-sister to the 2007 Horse of the Year Donato Hanover as well as world champion Here Comes Herbie.

“From the time we baby raced her she was really good,” Campbell said about Sherry Lyns Lady. “The only race she’s gone where we a little disappointed with her was the (Pennsylvania) Sires Stakes final. She scoped a little sick after the race. All the other races, she’s come up big when the money was on the line. She has a tough, racey attitude to her and she’s just been super all year.”

Sherry Lyns Lady comes into the ISS contest off a career-best 1:54.2 effort in the $215,000 Kentuckiana Stallion Management on Sept. 20 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. She also picked up a nice check with her second-place effort in the $310,700 Jim Doherty Memorial on Aug. 3 at the Meadowlands.

“She raced super (at Hoosier), she dug in there to get her nose out in front,” said Campbell. “It was a tight photo but she got there in time.”

Campbell said this second week of Grand Circuit racing in Lexington is important for not only Sherry Lyns Lady and Madame Sherry, but for his stable, as Breeders Crown trips are on the line.

“For the whole barn, this week will dictate who’s going and who’s not going,” Campbell concluded.—By Gordon Waterstone
Real Cool Sam Looks To Go 9-For-9 In International Stallion

Real Cool Sam was absent from last week's Bluegrass Stakes festivities at Red Mile but returns to action Thursday in the third of three $92,100 International Stallion Stakes divisions for 2-year-old male trotters in Lexington, where he will attempt to push his career-long unbeaten streak to nine.

Jim Campbell, who trains the gelding, expects it will not be an easy task. Real Cool Sam faces a field that includes Gangster Hanover, who won a Bluegrass division by 9 1/4 lengths in 1:52.3 for trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt. Gangster Hanover trotted his final quarter in :26.2, which was the fastest final quarter in the day's nine races.

Real Cool Sam is the 7-5 morning-line favorite. Gangster Hanover is 5-2.

“We trained him a little bit (Monday) and he seemed good,” Campbell said about Real Cool Sam.

“He's had a good week. But the competition is getting tougher, I know that. The way they went last week, there were some really nice colts that stepped up their game quite a bit. It's a tough race. There are some good colts in there and he's going to need his 'A' game.”

—Jim Campbell

Real Cool Sam, bred and owned by Fashion Farms, is by Muscle Hill out of Cooler Schooner. His wins include the Peter Haughton Memorial, in a then-world-record-equaling 1:53.1 at the Meadowlands, and the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship in a world-record 1:53.4 at Harrah’s Philadelphia.

In the PASS final, which was his most recent start on Sept. 8, Real Cool Sam and driver David Miller used a three-wide move on the last turn to rally from fourth and defeat Amigo Volo by two lengths.

“I didn’t expect him to win that when they were heading up the backside,” Campbell said. “That track, it’s very hard to make up that much ground the way he did it. He did surprise me.”

Real Cool Sam, named in memory of track announcer Sam McKee, will head to the Breeders Crown following the International Stallion Stakes. The Breeders Crown eliminations for 2-year-olds are Oct. 18 and the finals are Oct. 25 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

“We had planned a month ago that we were going to race just the one time here,” Campbell said. “That was all by design. I just wanted to go the one race here to set him up for the Breeders Crown.

“Everything has gone great with him so far,” he added. “He trained down good and did everything right, but you still don’t know until you race them how they’re going to be. He’s done everything and more than what we could ask of him.” (Ken Weingartner)

Breeders Crown Charity Challenge Raises $205,000 From Breeding

The breeding auction to raise funds for the 2019 Breeders Crown Charity Challenge, presented by Woodbine Entertainment and Libfeld-Katz Breeding Partnership, was held Wednesday evening at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Lexington, Ky.

A total of $205,000 was raised for the Charity Challenge through the sale of seven 2020 season breedings to notable stallions. Each charity is guaranteed to receive a minimum of $5,000.

All the funds raised from the auction will go towards charity to become the single-largest donation by Woodbine Cares.

The Breeders Crown Charity Challenge features four teams consisting of a celebrity, a charity of their choosing and an award-winning three-year-old Standardbred. Each charity is receiving one per cent of their horse's earnings from June 1, 2019 through Oct. 26, 2019.

The challenge portion of the initiative features the teams competing to garner the most votes in a Facebook poll. The poll will close on October 26, 2019 and the team with the most votes will receive the largest portion of the funds raised in Wednesday's breeding auction. Votes can be submitted by visiting www.BCCharityChallenge.com.

The following stallion breedings were a part of the auction, which was held just before the Wednesday night session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale: Always B Miki—$12,000 (purchased by Thomas Dillon); Captaintreacherous—$36,000 (purchased by Nancy Vander Heyden/The OK Corral); Chapter Seven—$42,000 (purchased by Al Libfeld and Marvin Katz); Father Patrick—$33,000 (Al and Michelle Crawford); Muscle Hill—$45,000 (purchased by Atlanta Trot, agent for Jim Wilhite); Sweet Lou—$15,000 (purchased by Burke Racing Stable); and Tactical Landing—$22,000 (purchased by AM Bloodstock).

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The four teams for the Charity Challenge are: Michael ‘Pinball’ Clemons – Warrawee Ubate – Pinball Clemons Foundation; Kim MacDonald – Woodside Charm – Breast Cancer Society of Canada; Eddie Olczyk – Gimpanzee – Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation; Dan Pleasac – Captain Crunch – Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society.
Million-Dollar Trotting Colts
Set Records In Lexington

You couldn’t be sure if the hot Lexington temperatures drove more people into the Fasig-Tipton Sale Pavilion, or if the trotting colt Maverick—and scores of other blue-blooded bloodstock—drew them in to watch the bid board explode. Whatever the reason, there was standing room only when Maverick, a full brother to Greenshoe, walked into the ring as Hip 44 on Tuesday night during the opening session of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale.

The final bid from Brad Grant was $1,100,000, eclipsing the previous all-time breed benchmark of $825,000 for the trotting colt Detour Hanover at the 2011 Standardbred Horse Sale.

The opening session was one for the record books with the 118 yearlings sold generating an average price of $154,288, up 21.9 percent from last year’s figure of $126,471. The 27 trotting colts sold in this year’s opening session brought a whopping average of $217,667.

In the sale’s second session on Wednesday night, a total of 174 yearlings were sold for an average of $75,103. The average price dropped 10.3 percent from last year’s second session average of $83,748. That put the sale’s average through two sessions at $107,103, still an increase over 2018 figures. The median price—the point where half the horses are sold for more and half for less—was $75,000.

Getting back to the sale topper, the colt named Maverick is a son of Father Patrick out of Designed To Be. He was bred by Al Libfeld and Marvin Katz, raised in Kentucky at the Glass family’s Walco Farms, and prepped and consigned by Kentuckiana Farms.

The colt will be trained by Tony Alagna, who was sitting next to Grant during the bidding. Although Alagna declined to reveal the ownership group, Daniel Plouffe confirmed that he will be among the owners. Immediately after the colt sold, Libfeld said he would like to be in the ownership group, but had not yet discussed if an opportunity existed.

A second trotting colt was sold for $1 million when Hip 105, a full brother to internationally-accomplished $3 million winner Propulsion, hit that mark after a bidding duel between Swedes Bengt Agerup (Brixton Medical and Stall Zet) and Lennart Agren (SRF Stable). Agerup, who also owns Propulsion, had his Swedish trainer, Daniel Reden, make the bid that gained them the horse.

The colt named Damien was consigned by Cane Run Farm and bred by Cane Run’s Rikki Caldwell and Bluestone Farms.

Reden said the yearling colt Damien is “a very good copy” of Propulsion.

Brixton also purchased a pacing colt by Somebeachsomewhere out of $1.6 million winner Economy Terror (Hip 114), for $800,000. He was consigned by Vieux Carre Farms and bred by Chuck Pompey, Howard Taylor, and Ed Gold. Nancy Johansson handled the bidding and will also train the colt. Brixton also is part of the partnership which purchased Hip 65, a Muscle Hill full brother to Kentucky Sires Stakes champion Ms Savannah Belle, for $700,000. Bud Hatfield, Marvin Katz, and breeder Al Libfeld complete the ownership group of the colt named Really Fast, with Johansson set to train this youngster as well.

Slightly overshadowed later in the evening, Hip 7 started the fireworks show at Fasig Tipton when the filly by Cantab Hall out of Jolene Jolene—dam of Crucial—commanded a price of $600,000. That set a new record for a yearling filly trotter. The previous record of $500,000 was shared by Courtney Hall (2003), Future Secured (2015), and Fifty Cent Piece (2018).

Agerup’s SRF Stable purchased the filly and through two sessions had acquired seven yearlings at a total cost of $1,735,000. — By Kathy Parker

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By The Numbers
(through 2 sessions)

PACING COLTS (84 sold)
Total Sales $7,884,000
Average Price $93,857
Median Price $75,000

PACING FILLIES (55 sold)
Total Sales $4,997,000
Average Price $90,855
Median Price $70,000

TROTting COLTS (77 sold)
Total Sales $9,999,000
Average Price $129,857
Median Price $80,000

TROTting FILLIES (76 sold)
Total Sales $8,394,000
Average Price $110,447
Median Price $77,500

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