



# Who's Your Daddy?

*Pedigrees of the World's Grand Champions*

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This year's list of World's Grand Champions includes two repeat winners, the brilliant Three-Gaited World's Grand Champion, An Heir About Her, and the Fine Harness World's Grand Champion, the ethereal Callaway's Copyright. The Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion, the phenomenal Callaway's Forecaster, is also on the list, and the World's Grand Champion Park Horse, in the second year of his reign, is HMS Royal Winds. The sires of these horses, WC Supreme Heir, WC Callaway's Blue Norther, and Royal Return, each descend from American Saddlebred royalty, and on their distaff side, the dams' sires include RWGC Preferred Property, Wind Storm, Hide-A-Way's Wild Country, and the immortal Will Shriver.

WGC Callaway's Forecaster followed in his sire's footsteps, when, in 1996, 11 years after Blue Norther, the gelding won the Junior Five-Gaited Championship. This incredibly athletic son of Callaway's Blue Norther was "a bit broncky" as a young horse, according to Bob Brison of Callaway Hills Stable in New Bloomfield, Missouri. "There were several times he had me off, he just didn't know it," Bob recalls. It was when Bob got the big colt racking that he knew what kind of horse he had, and Forecaster started enjoying his work.

For Nancy Leigh Fisher, Forecaster's owner and rider, it is the heart, as well as the athleticism of her horse, that she loves. "I think it is the Will Shriver coming through, and I love the Royal Ramblers," she commented. Nancy Leigh feels that "Forecaster's beauty comes from his mom." She looks to the strength shown on the top of her horse's papers, all the way to the Wing Commander son, Callaway's Johnny Gillen, and Broodmare Hall of Fame member Fourth Estate, for the power and athleticism that are hallmarks of her beloved gelding.

WC Callaway's Blue Norther, himself a Five-Gaited winner at Louisville in his 3- and 4-year-old years, has set the standard as the sire of phenomenal five-gaited horses over the past

several years. In 2002, three of the horses in the Five-Gaited Grand Championship were by this horse, including Adelita, the Reserve World's Grand Champion in 2002 and 2003. This stallion son of WGC Will Shriver, himself a force of nature in the American Saddlebred world, also descends from a horse that Marty Mueller defines as "the best gaited horse he ever fooled with," — The Rambler. This grandson of Genius Bourbon King, out of Broodmare Hall of Fame honoree Highland's Sylvia, was twice reserve in the Five-Gaited Stallion Stake at Louisville, in 1955 and 1958. Plagued

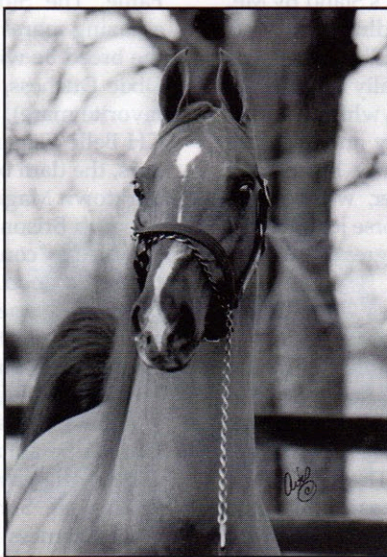
by quarter cracks, he probably never achieved what he could have as a show horse.

"I still think he was Tom's favorite, even over Yorktown, when it came right down to it," Donna Moore said. For Marty Mueller, The Rambler "was great because he knew what he knew," and knew that he could do it. "At home, just like WGC The Lemon Drop Kid, he was no show horse," Mueller explained. "But with music, lights, at a horse show, they were all show horse." Mueller still holds as one of his greatest memories, having Tom Moore call him and ask him to come down and ride Yorktown. He did not take the opportunity, feeling the trainers were of such different styles, but he felt greatly honored by the invitation.

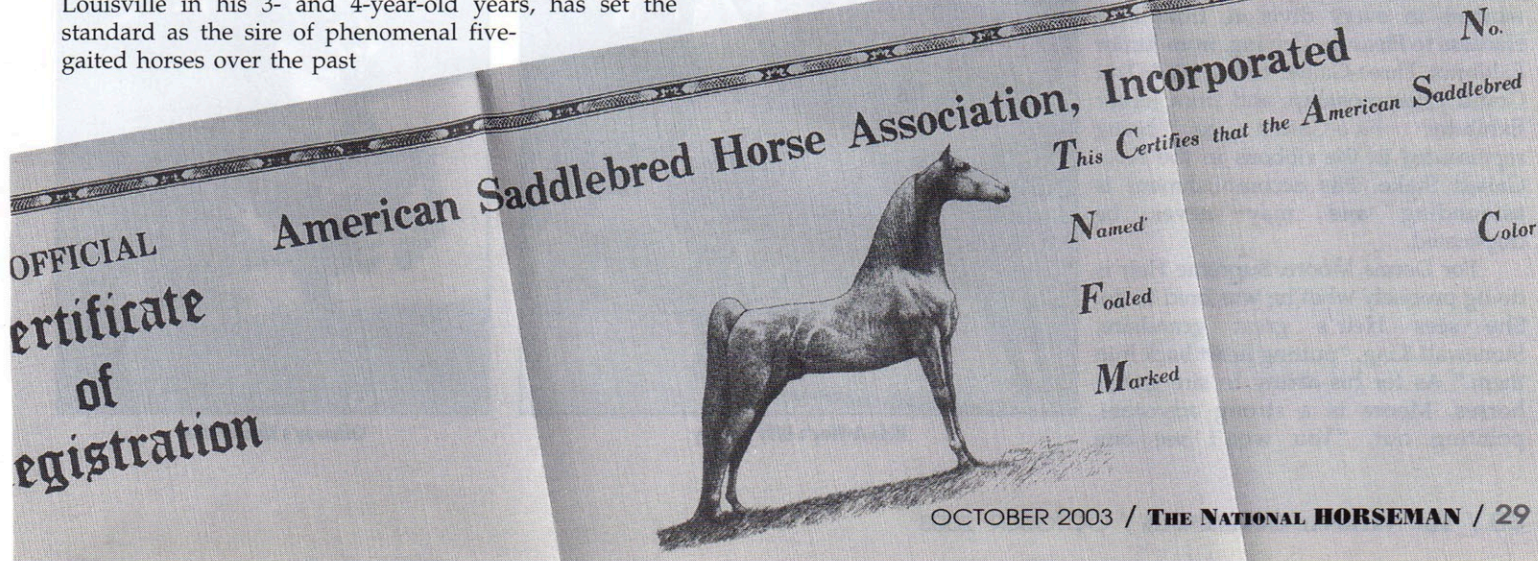
For breeding, the master horseman has this recommendation: "Don't ever buy a mare that isn't better than the one you've already got. The mares will produce themselves." Mueller isn't partial to any particular bloodlines, but allows that, "the Genius Bourbon King's and the (Supreme) Sultan's were nice to train, and easy to work with. You could make each as good as they could be." For his

choice in prospects, he said, "I want the wildest, gamest horse that I can get along with." To this day, Merrill Murray says, "Marty Mueller trains more horses over the phone than I do on the farm."

Hide-A-Way's Wild Country, sire of Callaway's Country Gal, the dam of Forecaster, is known and remembered for his beauty and the beauty of his



Supreme Heir





Sire: Callaway's Blue Norther

CH Will Shriver

Callaway's Johnny Gillen  
CH Kate Shriver

Royally Blue

Royal Rambler  
Fascinating Blue

## CALLAWAY'S FORECASTER

Dam: Callaway's Country Gal

Hide-A-Way's Wild Country

Denmark's Bourbon Genius  
Hide-A-Way's Curtain Call

Connie Gillen

Callaway's Johnny Giollen  
Windridge Society

get. He is the sire of Wild And Lovely PH, dam of the beautiful World's Champion and successful stud, Phi Slama Jama. He also sired The Country Princess, dam of WC Hide-A-Way's Stand By Me, a winner of the 3-Year-Old Five-Gaited Stallion/Gelding Stake, and is primarily known as a sire of futurity horses. Jim Aikman believes the horse will be a "better broodmare sire than generally regarded as a sire." Wild Country is line-bred to Bourbon Genius, which Aikman believes gave him "consistency of product." Beauty and type are important to Aikman, but he does feel that futurity horses can become outstanding performance horses. However, without the "Aikman ears," ears that almost touch, Jim feels a horse just doesn't meet his standards. The beauty of Wild Country is a great model for any breeder to aspire to duplicate.

The World's Grand Champion Fine Harness and Three-Gaited horses share Hallston Manor's Supreme Heir as their sire. As the leading sire of performance horses in the history of the breed, this son of the grand mare, Supreme Airs, has created a legacy that will endure. Joan Lurie of Willowbank Farm stands this American Saddlebred legend. For Lurie, the key to Supreme Heir's success is the "trainability" of his get. "They all make something, from kids' horses to stake horses," she said. "What is amazing is that he has done this without an owner behind him with a battery of terrific mares."

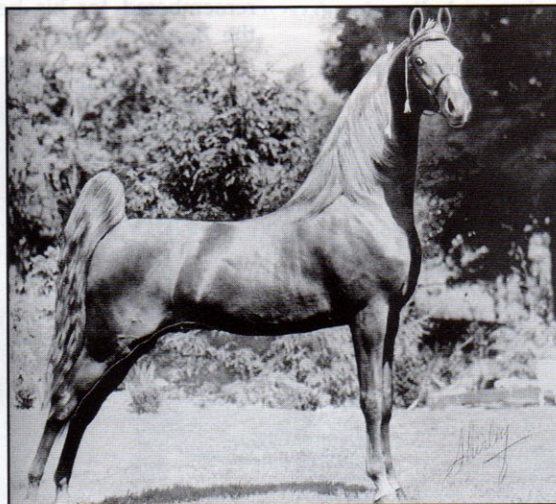
Lurie has no special advice to offer those trying to duplicate the success of this particular horse, or her own success. Her original plan had been to breed the dam of An Heir About Her, the homebred Sweet Illusion WF, to Attaché. When Attaché's unexpected demise removed that option, she bred the mare to Supreme Heir. Four of the six foals from this cross have become World's Champions. They include CH Heir Style, Sultry Heiress, Careless Heiress, and of course, An Heir About Her. This year, Supreme Heir had winners in every division, from Fine Harness to Pleasure Driving, from Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited to the Walk-Trot Grand Championship, and from Junior Exhibitor Five-Gaited to being represented in the ribbons in the Five-Gaited Stake. His accomplishment is astounding and may never be duplicated.

For Donna Moore, Supreme Heir is doing precisely what he was bred to do. She sees Heir's great grandsire, Stonewall King, "putting heart back into them." As for his ability to sire gaited horses, Moore is a strong advocate, pointing out, "You won't see one

pace." Supreme Heir's dam, Supreme Airs, and her full sister, Supreme Fascination, are both enshrined in the Broodmare Hall of Fame. The Stonewall Supreme daughters are just two of the amazing mares sired by the son of Stonewall King. Where would the breed be without mares like Broodmare Hall of Fame member Dixie Duchess, dam of CH Glenview's Radiance (Mrs. Sinclair's favorite mare), the grand sire Valley's Desdemona Denmark, and CH Belle Elegant? Supreme Airs herself is the dam of Putting On Airs, the dam of WC Harlem Globetrotter, Yorkshire Pudding and Yorktown Magic.

Bob Brison believes that the Will Shriver daughters give their produce a "consistently oily way of moving," adding that, "Their timing is good. They have the desire to work. They have heart. Some are gamer than are others, and they have well-built chests and hindquarters, not too wide or too narrow." Callaway's Copyright is out of the talented show mare, Callaway's Claudette. This mare, a winner with Tom Moore as a walk-trot, has produced just three foals: the broodmare Callaway's Mother Macree, by Sultan's Santana, and the full brothers WC Callaway's Sunday Edit and Callaway's Copyright, the two-time World's Grand Champion. Sunday Edit has distinguished himself as a terrific young harness horse and, more recently, won the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited 13-and-Under Championship. Will Shriver's legacy as a sire of gaited horses is legendary. "He has kept the rack and trot in the breed," is an oft-heard comment, but the strength of his daughters is now being felt, too, with more than 15 percent of them producing Kentucky State Fair winners.

RWGC Preferred Property is the dam-sire of An Heir About Her. Donna Moore worked the beautiful stallion's dam, Spring



Hide-A-Way's Wild Country



Callaway's Blue Norther



Sire: Supreme Heir	Supreme Sultan	CH Valley View Supreme Melody O'Lee
	CH Supreme Airs	Stonewall Supreme Crebilly's Plumb Beautiful

## AN HEIR ABOUT HER

Dam: Sweet Illusion W.F.	Preferred Property	High Rise Spirit Spring Valley's Princess Elizabeth
	Sweet Georgia	Oman's Desdemona Denmark Bobbi's Victory Empress

Valley's Princess Elizabeth, a Night of Folly daughter that went back to the very game show mare and Broodmare Hall of Fame member, Aflame. Donna Moore remembers the mare, "leaving the ring without a strap of leather left on her after a harness class in Chicago." The mare was the dam of, among other brilliant horses, WGC Broadland's Captain Denmark, a tremendous five-gaited stud and the sire of the immortal WGC Forest Song, as well as WGC Broadland's Patrician Lady. The stallion never had a chance to prove himself further, dying young in McCoy's fire.

Spring Valley's Princess Elizabeth was "gifted with her legs and a little straight in her neck," as Moore remembers. She bred the mare to High Rise Spirit, who was "more gifted than the mare, with a neck that came right up out of his shoulders." The mare was sold to John Hutcheson while carrying the foal that would become Preferred Property. Donna said the colt was, "the most correct horse you ever saw. He wasn't a big horse, but he looked 17 hands when you hooked him." She remembers the horse as being game and gorgeous, and allows that she and Tom Moore "discussed" the night that Tom beat Donna and Preferred Property, then only a 4-year-old, with WGC Night Prowler, then an 11-year-old stud. Donna says with conviction that she always felt Preferred Property would be a great broodmare sire. Fewer than 50 percent of the

stallion's daughters have had registered foals. Of those, 15 percent have produced Kentucky State Fair ribbon winners. He also holds the record for a horse sold at public sale, bringing \$1.2 million at the Shannon Run Sale.

The Park Champion for 2002 and 2003 is the grand gelding, HMS Royal Winds. A son of Royal Return, this talented gelding has the ability to show successfully as a gaited horse, and then come back to the green shavings to win the Park Stake. Royal Return has two of the breed's best for his sire and dam: three-time WGC Yorktown, the powerhouse son of the immortal WGC Wing Commander, and three-time WGC Bellissima. Royal Return, bred and worked by Tom Moore as a young horse, was "very gifted," according to Melinda Moore. "He was wonderfully talented, but probably due to an injury," and because of his incredible bloodlines, was retired to stud. HMS Royal Winds has for his dam, Seymour's Fair Winds, a daughter of Wind Storm. His second dam is the grand producer, Linda's Beauty. This mare produced the terrific



Royal Return

three-gaited champion, CH Shaman, by Longview's Supreme, as well as the World's Champion producer, Lady Lyles. Wind Storm's sire, the great five-gaited stud, WC Oman's Anacacho Rhythm, sired a full sister to Wind Storm, CH Easter Present, a

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## CALLAWAY'S COPYRIGHT

Dam: Callaway's Claudette	CH Will Shriver	Callaway's Johnny Gillen CH Kate Shriver
	Grapetree's Claudia	The Rambler Famous Lady



Sire: Royal Return	CH Yorktown	CH Wing Commander Oman's Anacacho Maytime
	CH Bellissima	CH Valley View Supreme Fairview's Gay Divorcee

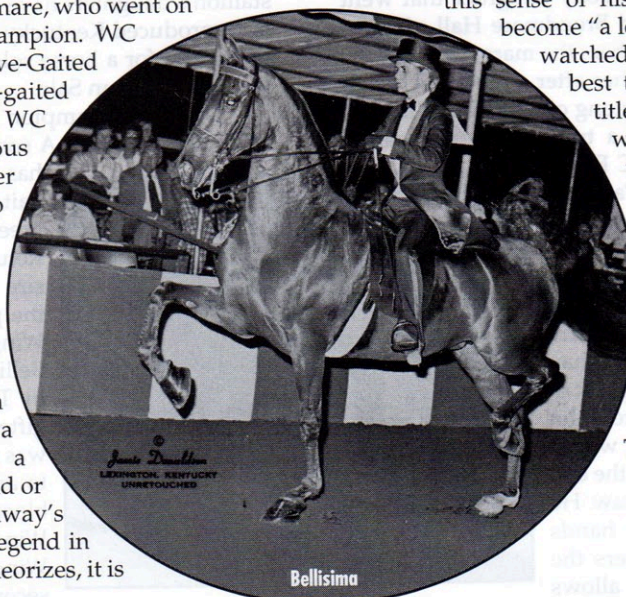
## HMS ROYAL WINDS

Dam: Seymour's Fair Winds	Wind Storm	Oman's Anacacho Rhythm Stormaround
	Linda's Beauty	Americus Denmark Linda's Lassie

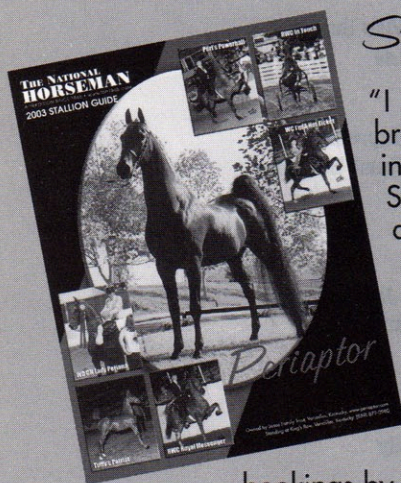
talented fine harness winner as a junior mare, who went on to become Reserve World's Grand Champion. WC Nobella won her crown in the Junior Five-Gaited Mare Stake. The full siblings and five-gaited champions, CH Anacacho Dancer, and WC Gold Treat, out of the tremendous producer, Garastanna Dancer, further demonstrate Oman's Anacacho Rhythm's prepotency as a sire.

Sometimes, the individual comes from a place that can't be explained on papers. Lynda Freseth, trainer of WGC Callaway's Forecaster, offers this assessment. "I don't base anything on papers; I seldom base anything on a pedigree." For Lynda, what she sees on a horse's papers simply, "gives you a 'jumping-off' place when choosing a stud or a mare." Lynn Via, owner of WGC Callaway's Copyright, feels that, "Copyright is a legend in his own mind, first," but perhaps, she theorizes, it is

this sense of his own talent that will allow him to become "a legend in his own time." For those who watched the horse demolish a ring full of the best that could be found to challenge his title, there can be little question. For those who watched An Heir About Her march to another yellow rose blanket in her ethereally elegant way, and for those who saw Callaway's Forecaster rise to the challenge and carry his best friend to the biggest title in the sport, there is a simple answer. These are the great ones; a synergistic blend of all that came before them, everything that they can be, and on that night, something else. They are World's Grand Champions.



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