

Country Life Press August 2020 Newsletter



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MOSLER Sire of Two Impressive 1st-Crop Winners



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It takes five years from the time a stallion prospect is purchased until his first foals race as 2-year-olds. In August of 2016, Country Life Farm purchased the breeding rights of then 5-year-old stakes winner Mosler. The son of War Front had been bred in Kentucky by Seth Hancock's Cherry Valley Farm. The black colt brought a bid of \$1,050,000 from Mrs. Adele Dilschneider at Keeneland, and Cherry Valley stayed in for a 25% interest.

Trained by Hall-of-Famer Bill Mott, and racing in Mrs. Dilschneider's silks, Mosler broke his maiden at Belmont Park at one mile on the dirt, in his second start. In fact, he won 3 of his first 6 races on the dirt. Mott then switched him over to turf, where Mosler won the \$100,000 Elusive Quality Stakes at Belmont Park, and placed in the Gr. 2 Highlander Stakes at Woodbine (since upgraded to Gr. 1).

That summer of 2016, Country Life formed a syndicate with Mrs. Dilschneider and Hancock, with Maryland's oldest breeding farm purchasing 75% of the colt, while Mrs. Dilschneider and Hancock stayed in for a 25% stake. In his first start after being syndicated, Mosler won the \$100,000 Laurel Dash, defeating a strong field that included millionaire Ben's Cat.

Retired to stud in autumn of 2016, Mosler bred 102 mares in 2017, to produce some 75 foals of 2018, who sold well as yearlings in 2019, and who appear in 2020 to run for the fun of it.

It took five years of planning to launch Mosler as a sire, so you can imagine the excitement when Depository galloped at one mile in the slop on August 29 to win by seven lengths, two weeks after Heir Port surged from last-to-first in a 5 1/2-furlong Monmouth sprint to win by 4 1/2-lengths. Both of Mosler's first two winners are eyeing the October 24, \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery at Laurel.

Mosler stamps his get. It's remarkable how similar they are to their sire. Even their early performances mirror Mosler. Depository, for example, broke his maiden at one mile in his second start, just like his daddy.

Depository was bred in Maryland by New Jersey owner Hope Jones. His dam is the Malibu Moon mare Moon Valley. This cross represents War Front on the A. P. Indy line, a powerful pedigree nick.

The spitting image of Mosler, star and all, is Heir Port. Bred in Kentucky by New Jersey owner Eb Novak, of New Farm, Heir Port put up strong works in preparation for his debut, and his connections gambled that no one would reach into the claim box for him in the \$40,000 claiming event on August 9. They did, and Heir Port is pointing for the Maryland Million for a new owner. Heir Port is bred to be quick, as his broodmare sire is Wildcat Heir, winner of the Gr. 1 DeFrancis Dash.

Mosler's sudden emergence as a leading Freshman Sire comes just weeks before the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale, two days after the Oct. 3 Preakness Stakes. With 70-some 2-year-olds still preparing in the pipeline to

make their racing debuts, Mosler may be Maryland's man of the moment this fall.



Partnership Runners in the News

Country Life racing partnerships focus on fillies, primarily, with the goal of proving their worth for residual value as broodmares. Our stakes-winning Carpe Diem filly **Bella Aurora** added more black type to her pedigree when the Virginia-bred 3-year-old ran a strong third in the \$60,000 Camptown Stakes at Colonial Downs to carry her earnings above \$160,000.

Why Not Tonight, a very promising 2-year-old filly by Tapit's son Tapiture, made her racing debut against colts at Colonial Downs on August 5th and ran a good 3rd.

Fifteen Royals, a debut winner last fall by Curlin's classic-winning son Palice Malice, out of the stakes-producing Malibu Moon mare Fifteen Moons, led throughout at Laurel on Aug. 22 before tiring to third.

Coming up in the lineup soon to debut is Mosler's Image, out of the Deputy Minister mare Imagistic. Waiting in the wings is a flock of 2-year-olds by Mosler: Mosler Safe, Mosler's Turn, Sunshineanrainbows, Mosler's Touch, Moonsafe, and Mr. Mosley.

Breeding Winners



Our breeding partnerships produced more winners this month. **Breeze Off the Bay** (Bayern - Lawless Love) won at first asking on August 12th at Delaware Park. Bred by CLF & Lawless Love LLC, the 2-year-old filly came from off the pace on a muddy track to win going away under Roberto Alvarado, Jr. She was purchased from the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling sale by M3 Racing Stable and is trained by Andy Simoff.

The Sassy Molly LLC-bred **Jebologist** won for the 2nd time on 8/14 at Penn National, taking a 1st level allowance. The Gemologist 3-year-old is trained by Mark Salvaggio for H & P, who purchased him from the Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale as a 2-year-old.

Nico Bree N Teej (Freedom Child - Two Stars) returned off a nearly 6-month break to win at Delaware Park on 8/17. Bred by CLF & Mrs. Glennie Martin, the stakes-placed chestnut led from start to finish in the 1 mile claiming race and pushed his earnings over \$172,000 for trainer Claudio Gonzalez and owners BB Horses & MCA Racing Stable.

Then on August 21st at Laurel, **Mayan Queen** (pictured above) broke her maiden on the turf under Jevian Toledo for trainer Phil Schoenthal and owner Doug Arnold. The 3-year-old Temple City filly out of Lucky Nita was bred by Country Life Farm and sold at the Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale as a weanling. She battled down the stretch in the full field of 12 to grab the victory by a neck.

Country Life Sired Winners

MOSLER

Heir Port - 8/9 @ MON, Maiden (owner/breeder New Farm, trainer Ben Perkins, Jr.)Depository - 8/29 @ LRL, Maiden (owner/breeder Hope Jones, trainer Cal Lynch)

FRIESAN FIRE

Annika Gold - 8/10 @ DEL, Allowance (breeder Richard Simoff, owner Jagger, Inc., trainer Jamie Ness)

Annika Gold - 8/28 @ LRL, Starter/Opt Clm

SUPER NINETY NINE

Breviary - 8/1 @ LRL, Allowance (breeder Spendthrift Farm, owner Soggy Dollar Racing/Rob Atkinson, trainer Carl Doran)

Breviary - 8/20 @ LRL, Allowance/Opt Clm

Game Changer - 8/12 @ DEL, Maiden (breeder Gregory Gordon, owner/trainer Patrick Ashton)

Cindy B - 8/23 @ MNR, Maiden (breeder Lucas Racing, Inc., owner/trainer Eddie Clouston)

Rum Runner Red - 8/28 @ CT, Maiden (breeder A & B Bloodstock, owner A & B Racing Stable LLC, trainer Wade Sanderson)



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- Visiting hours will be Mondays Saturdays from Noon-3pm only and an appointment MUST be made ahead of time by calling the office (410-879-1952) or on Saturdays call General Manager Christy Holden's cell (410-808-1325)
- A sign-in sheet will be located at both farms, and ALL visitors must sign-in upon arrival. At Merryland
 Farm the clipboard will be at the main house on the patio under the awning. At Country Life the
 clipboard will be outside of the office.
- All visitors MUST wear face masks and practice social distancing from our staff, maintaining a 6 foot spacing from people and horses.

We hope everyone stays safe during this unprecedented time. If we all follow the protocols for keeping a safe distance, wearing masks, and washing hands, we'll weather this viral storm.



















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