Analyzing $20,000 to $25,000 Proven Sires

The bar graph that accompanies this analysis reports stallions by stud fee and percentage of GSWs from three year olds (of 2015) and up. Omitting two year olds from the calculations typically provides a more logical basis for evaluating stallions.

The numbers of live foals are reported above the second (auburn) bar for the years 2013 (top figure), 2014, and 2015 (bottom figure). I use these figures to help me consider how “live” a stallion might be when I take a weanling or yearling to the sale in 2017 or 2018. More foals mean more runners “advertising” the stallion. The number of 2015 live foals will increase from what is reported here for most stallions as foals continue to be registered. The average winning distance (AWD) of a stallion’s runners is inset at the bottom of each stallion’s second bar.

**Sky Mesa’s** 2.62% GSWs tops $20,000 stallions and is on a par with typical $25,000 stallions. **Lookin at Lucky** and **Majesticperfection** may be better stallions than this GSW metric suggests, as their oldest runners are only four year olds of 2016, and it’s likely their GSWs percentages will trend upward. **Congrats** is 3rd on the leading sire list for 2016 and has the largest pipeline of potential future runners.

**Broken Vow, Midnite Lute, Mineshaft**, and **Stormy Atlantic** are all solid at the $25,000 level, with the last three of these having GSWs percentages so close they are in a near dead heat for fourth in this category. **English Channel** is a clear third. If you are looking for stayers on the grass (AWD over eight furlongs, 70% of money won on the turf), he’s a great choice.

**Blame**’s runners picked up the pace dramatically as three year olds, and his GSW metric places him a close second to **Munnings** in the $25,000 category. Arch, Blame’s sire, had zero stakes winners at the same point in his career, but his older horses turned him into a top sire. Blame has the right to be at least as good! With only two crops having run, both Blame and Munnings have relatively small samples of runners , but both appear to be the real thing.

I lean toward dismissing any concerns about Munnings’ small sample of runners, as his two year olds of 2015 (which are not considered in this analysis) are so accomplished that his numbers can only be better a year from now. Moreover, Munnings is an outlier with respect to percentage of overall stakes winners with 9.4% stakes winners from three years old and up in 2015 (His SW percentage is even higher if you include his two year olds of 2015). His figures are exceptional for any stallion whose first foals just turned four. I’d argue Munnings belongs at a higher stud fee. Perhaps buyers are concerned about his runners’ distance capabilities (AWD = 6.3 but trending upward ). Expect him to produce sprinters and stayers like his sire, and have perhaps the shortest odds of any stallion on producing Breeders Cup Sprint and Mile contenders.