



## TRICKY CREEK AND SOUNDNESS

Horsemen:

We're extremely pleased that our stallion, Tricky Creek has been recognized by the prestigious Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation as an internationally leading source of soundness and durability among active sires.

The December 30, 2006 issue of the *Thoroughbred Times*, "Grayson sire lists aim to highlight soundness", discussed the issue of soundness in modern thoroughbred sires. Our stallion, Tricky Creek 1986, by Clever Trick x Battle Creek Girl, standing at Running Horse Farm, LLC in Albuquerque, New Mexico was ranked as 5<sup>th</sup> leading active sire in the USA for "Starters from Foals" and 7<sup>th</sup> leading active sire for "Lifetime Starts per Starter."

Among the leading New Mexico sires for 2006, Tricky Creek ranked *first* in four categories. He was first in winners from starters, total lifetime progeny earnings, total number of winners, and percent of winners from foals. Tricky Creek was also second in total number of stakes winners, and he ranked 12<sup>th</sup> overall among active sires.

His offspring have consistently won all over North America. He bred mares while in Kentucky and California producing consistency throughout his career. Now he's standing in New Mexico at Running Horse Farm LLC. His first New Mexico foals will be born in 2007. Tricky Creek has produced sound, durable runners from all classes of broodmares and bloodlines. Tricky Creek is ranked among the very best International Sires for soundness and durability.

Increasing fragility of modern Thoroughbreds has been criticized as causing fewer starts and shorter careers for racehorses and less enjoyment and satisfaction for horse owners. Horsemen spend all that money on the purchase, breaking and training of racehorse prospects, only to achieve very short racing careers due to injury or unsoundness. Not a lot of bang for the buck, wouldn't you say? All horsemen would like to see their horses at the track for more than a few starts or one season or less. Get a greater return on your investment with a runner from Tricky Creek.

Racing expenses keep growing, lifetime starts keep shrinking, racing injuries have become more frequent - Reverse the trend in your racing stable with a runner by Tricky Creek, an acknowledged major source of soundness in the Thoroughbred.

Yours truly,

Joe Webster, Tom Pierce, and Loren Bolinger

Reference:

"Grayson sire lists aim to highlight soundness", the *Thoroughbred Times*, December 30, 2006 issue, page 52  
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