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# ASHLEY'S FOLLY

## BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

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**J**oe Ciaglia didn't mean to own Ashley's Folly, but he certainly doesn't regret it now. The nearly white California-bred mare was part of a package deal that Ciaglia bought to get another horse. All she has done since is produce two stakes horses and receive the honor as California's 2015 Broodmare of the Year.

The partnership involved in Ashley's Folly started in 1999 and grew from a single claimer-turned-stakes-horse named Cee Dreams to bigger and better things. Ciaglia had been interested in racing for a while before Frank Alesia, already an owner, showed him the ins and outs of the sport. With Alesia, his wife Sharon, and Mike Mellen of Bran Jam Stables, Ciaglia claimed California-bred Cee Dreams as only his second horse ever. The mare earned \$439,336 with 11 wins in 40 starts.

Since then, the partnership has campaigned the likes of grade I winners Weemissfrankie and Dance With Fate, and they currently have the multiple stakes winner and California champion Pacific Heat in training. Racetrack success is what Ciaglia originally envisioned, but with Ashley's Folly the group found success in the breeding shed as well.