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Premier Thoroughbreds' Perfect Feat repeats as California Broodmare of the year

PERFECT FEAT

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No mare had been crowned California's Broodmare of the Year twice until recently, when Love the Chase was honored in 2014 and 2016, and then Ashley's Folly took the title in 2015 and 2017. Enter Perfect Feat, who has now received the award in 2018 and 2019, making her just the third two-time winner. And while winning twice is surely special, owner Phil Lebherz has a new goal: for her to become the first mare to win it three times.

That is a feasible achievement for Perfect Feat, who is the dam of dual grade 1-winning millionaire Spiced Perfection.

"The owners of Spiced Perfection announced this year's Breeders' Cup as

their goal for her, so maybe Perfect Feat can get a third Broodmare of the Year award and be the only one to do so," Lebherz said.

Perfect Feat, by Pleasantly Perfect—Bold Feat, by Capote, was the property of Lebherz' Premier Thoroughbreds. She died in 2016 at age 10, but not before producing two champions from just three foals.

After foaling the unraced Acclamation filly Stake My Claim in 2014, Perfect Feat produced Spiced Perfection in 2015. The daughter of Lebherz' stallion Smiling Tiger is nine for 21 lifetime with \$1,223,705 in earnings. She has six California championships to her credit after being named Horse of the Year, champion 3-year-old female, and sprinter for 2018, and Horse of the Year, champion older female, and sprinter for 2019.

Spiced Perfection, who is owned by Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable, and

Peter Deutsch, counts the \$301,035 La Brea Stakes (G1) and the \$300,000 Madison Stakes (G1) among her seven stakes victories. In October and December of 2019, she added the Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes (G2) and Go for Wand Handicap (G3) to her resume. Lebherz sold her for just \$6,500 as a yearling. Spiced Perfection did not meet her reserve at \$1.35 million at the Keeneland November fall mixed sale in 2019.

Perfect Feat's third foal and final to race is Cruel Intention, also by Smiling Tiger. Owned by Jungle Racing, LNJ Foxwoods, and Nexus Racing Club, Cruel Intention was named California's champion 2-year-old male in 2018 after winning the \$196,000 Golden State Juvenile Stakes. He has earned \$177,710 in six starts and returned to be stakes-placed in 2019 after a seven-month lay-off.

Although Perfect Feat is gone, Lebherz is going to try to duplicate that success.

"We have four or five other Pleasantly Perfect mares now," he said. "We're going to see if we can pull it off again. They have babies on the ground that are very nice looking."

Lebherz still appreciates Perfect Feat, saying, "Any time you get a great athlete that can produce like that, it's great."

With two Broodmare of the Year titles, Perfect Feat has indeed proved herself one of the great broodmares. **CTB**