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Camden Colts Not To Be Ignored

The winners of the 2016 Triple Crown races are well known and have been rightfully celebrated: **Nyquist for the Kentucky Derby, Exaggerator for the Preakness Stakes and Creator for the Belmont Stakes.**

South Carolina (home to **Intermed XP**), however, had high hopes and pretty impressive odds going into these races. As the local State newspaper proclaimed: **three of the 20 horses in this year's Kentucky Derby got their start right in Camden, South Carolina!**

Consider those odds: Some 25,000 thoroughbreds are born each year, 20 are selected for the Derby, 3 got their start in Camden: **Mohayman** and **Shagaf** from Shadwell Stable and **Tom's Ready** owned by GMB Racing and brought to Kirkwood Stables.

Mohayman, a son of Tapit, appeared to be the favorite of the three tying for third place odds of 10-1. He won his first five races and then had a mediocre finish in the Florida Derby just before the Run for the Roses. **Shagaff**, trained at the same stable by Kevin Kahkola, had three wins before fading in a race just before the May run in Louisville, Ky. **Tom's Ready** was, according to one writer "a gawky yearling whom Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables turned into a top 2 year old racer."

Tom's Ready was discovered in Saratoga in 2014 and brought back to Camden where he trained before working the 2015 summer in Dallas. Kirkwood has had three winners in the Kentucky Oaks (for fillies) and a good contingent of

Derby runners. **Mohayman** and **Shagaff** left Camden before the Derby to work with trainers Kairan McLaughlin and Chad Brown respectively.

Not bad at all for little old Camden, South Carolina!

The Editor

