Lone Star Park Great Moments

LONE STAR PARK
at Grand Prairie™

1992

Jan. 10, 1992	Grand Prairie voters approved a half-cent sales tax to assist in financial bonds to build a racetrack. Shortly thereafter, the city created a sports authority (the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corp.), which would own the track and lease it to a track operator.

1994

March 10, 1994	Mass grading work on the track site began.

1995

Aug. 21, 1995	The Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation unanimously approved the Master Agreement with Lone Star Race Park, Ltd., the operating entity of the Grand Prairie racetrack that would be called Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie.
Nov. 21, 1995	Construction began on the 36,000-square-foot simulcast pavilion located adjacent to the Grandstand.

1996

May 3, 1996	Lone Star Park's Post Time Pavilion opened with 4,426 enthusiastic fans in attendance. The next day, 5,529 customers wagered more than $932,000 on Kentucky Derby Day. During the calendar year 1996, almost 400,000 patrons attended and bet more than $100 million, allowing for nearly $4 million to accrue in purse accounts before the first live race was run.

1997

April 17, 1997	At precisely 5:03 p.m., Henry White and Hugh Fitzsimmons' I Are Sharp, at odds of 49-1, won the first live race in Lone Star Park history, the $50,000 Premiere Stakes. The Texas-bred was ridden by Marlon St. Julien and trained by K.C. Wojciechowski. The crowd was limited to 21,754 and on-track handle more than $1.9 million. "We could not have dreamed that we would do this well, but it shows how much interest there is and how many horseplayers are here, and they have responded," said Lone Star Park General Manager Corey Johnsen.
April 20, 1997	Carolyn and Sonny Hine brought instant credibility to Lone Star Park when 1996 Champion 3-Year-Old Male Skip Away ran in the inaugural $250,000 Texas Mile before a crowd of 24,717. But it was Bob Baffert and jockey David Flores who stole the show. World-record miler Isitingood went wire-to-wire in a track and stakes record 1:34.44 for a three-length victory over Spiritbound. Skip Away, who'd later be crowned Horse of the Year, was a lackluster third. Two races later, Baffert and Flores teamed to win the $250,000 Lone Star Derby with Anet, who beat Frisk Me Now by 2 ¼ lengths with Holzmeister third.
June 27, 1997	Gary Stevens, fresh off of a successful Triple Crown campaign with Silver Charm, defeated Chris McCarron, 14 points to 12, in the inaugural National All-Star Jockey Championship, a unique four-race competition that would be held at Lone Star every year through 2004.
July 4, 1997	Connecting Terms, trained by Elliott Walden, upset Texas Mile winner Isitingood in the $200,000 Lone Star Park Handicap. After the races, the crowd of 20,089 was treated to spectacular post-race fireworks.
July 5, 1997	Lone Star Derby winner Anet returned to Lone Star Park and cemented Horse of the Meet honors with a front-running 5 ¼-length victory in the $150,000 USA Stakes.
July 17, 1997	Jockey Ronald Ardoin, who'd later become the 16th jockey to win 5,000 career races, won a track record six races on a single program.
July 27, 1997	Lone Star Park concluded one of the most successful inaugural seasons in American racing history. Average daily handle was almost $2.4 million, which ranked No. 1 among all U.S. racetracks built since 1970. Ronald Ardoin won the jockey title with 92 victories. Dallas Keen was the leading trainer with 41 victories, and his main client, Bob McCaslin, was the top owner with 12 wins.

Oct. 3, 1997

SMS Racing's Winning Ease, ridden by Bonifacio Perez and trained by Tony Sedillo won the first pari-mutuel Quarter Horse race at Lone Star Park, a 300-yard dash worth $5,700 for Texas-bred 3-year-olds and up with a claiming price of $3,200. Winning Ease, a 4-year-old gelding, paid $5.60 to win as the favorite in the field of 10.

Nov. 29, 1997

Dashing Perfection, ridden by G.R. Carter Jr. and trained by Jack Brooks, capped a perfect season at Lone Star Park with a win in the $287,493 Texas Classic Derby and was subsequently named Horse of the Meeting and later the AQHA Champion 3-Year-Old. In doing so, Dashing Perfection ran 440 yards in a track record :21.08 – the fourth fastest 440-yard clocking in AQHA history. In addition to the Texas Classic Derby, the Robert Moore-owned colt won the $131,650 Dash For Cash Derby on Oct. 24.

1998

April 19, 1998

Smolderin Heart and Littlebitlively spoiled trainer Bob Baffert's return to Texas. Smolderin Heart beat Shot of Gold in the Lone Star Derby, while John Franks' Littlebitlively held off favored Anet in deep stretch to take the Texas Mile.

May 25, 1998

Kentucky invader Yaqthan ran 1 1/8 miles on turf in a course record 1:45.54 to win the $150,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap by one length over defending champ Burbank.

June 19, 1998

Shane Sellers scored 36 points from three wins in four races to easily win the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship over Julie Krone. A record Jockey Championship crowd of 16,156 was in attendance.

July 4, 1998

Mocha Express, under Marlon St. Julien, won his first Lone Star Park Handicap with a three-quarter-length triumph over Dickey Rickey. The Bob Baffert-trained Anet finished a disappointing fourth as the odds-on favorite. Baffert rebounded in the $150,000 USA Stakes when Commitisize dominated Dernier Croise by 2 ¾ lengths.

July 18, 1998

The Louie Roussel-trained 2-year-old filly Arrested Dreams won her third race of the meet with a 2 1/4-length triumph in the $150,000 Silver Spur Stakes. She would get beat a nose in her next start, the Grade I Matron at Belmont Park.

July 19, 1998

On closing day of the 1998 Spring Thoroughbred Season, Wings of Jones won the Middleground Stakes, but the fifth-place finisher would later garner national attention. The Bobby Barnett-trained Answer Lively would go on to win that year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs and be named North America's Champion 2-Year-Old Male. At season's end, Lone Star Park became the first racetrack in modern horse racing history to increase attendance in its second year of operation, from 9,763 in 1997 to a local record 9,808 in 1998. Marlon St. Julien was the leading rider with 78 wins and $1,703,089 in earnings. Conditioners Dallas Keen and Jim Gaston shared the trainer's title with 36 wins apiece. Tom Durant won his first of four leading owner titles with 14 victories. Steve Asmussen hinted at big things to come when he was the top money-winning trainer with $668,078.

Nov. 14, 1998

Lone Star Park hosted the sixth annual MBNA America Challenge Championships for the first time. Horses from all over the country traveled to Texas for Quarter Horse racing's equivalent to the Breeders' Cup. Major winners during the races included Vital Time in the American Airlines Juvenile Challenge, Devil His Due in the MCI World Com Distance Challenge and Tailor Fit in the Sooner Trailer Derby. But it was Kool Kue Baby who starred by winning the MBNA America Challenge Championship to tie Jolly Jet Deck's AQHA record of 22 career stakes wins.

Nov. 28, 1998

Kool Kue Baby, under jockey Tami Purcell, won her AQHA record 23rd career stakes race with a dominating one-length victory over Casino Bully in the $25,000 Refrigerator Handicap. Kool Kue Baby, trained by K.C. Carden, weighed just 950 pounds and was acquired by owner Ramiro Lopez for two pigs, two calves and a dog.

Dec. 1, 1998

In its first year of eligibility, the Texas Mile was awarded Grade III status by the North American Graded Stakes Committee. It marked the first time that a Lone Star Park Thoroughbred race received graded status.

Dec. 31, 1998

Lone Star Park concluded the year with 1,300,290 customers passing through the turnstile. It was the first time in modern horse racing history that a racetrack showed an increase in its second year of operation.

1999

April 18, 1999

An appearance by Mike Pegram's 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Real Quiet and the retirement of the sport's top female jockey Julie Krone attracted 21,124 on Lone Star Park. Real Quiet was upset by defending champ Littlebitlively in the Grade III, $300,000 Texas Mile, Texas' first graded stakes race. Krone ended her stellar career with a three-win day, but fell 1 ¼ lengths short in her final ride aboard Desert Demon in the $301,650 Lone Star Derby. Locally-based T.B. Track Star, ridden by Eddie Martin Jr.

and trained by Chris Candies, would win race at odds of 31-1. (Note: Krone would later come out of retirement in 2002). More than $5.6 million was wagered on Lone Star's live races.

May 1, 1999 — Lone Star Park recorded its first $7 million day when all-sources handle swelled to $7.2 million on Kentucky Derby Day, including $3.1 million on-track and another $4 million off-track.

May 31, 1999 — Lone Star Park staged its first Lone Star Million, a series of stakes races cumulatively worth $1 million. Instantly, it became a draw for horsemen around the country as 18 horses flew in from California, Kentucky and New York. Before a crowd of 17,003, trainer Steve Asmussen won three of the seven stakes including the Prestonwood Distaff with Heritage of Gold. Champion Texas-bred Mocha Express won the $300,000 Lone Star Park Handicap for the second year in a row for his record fourth local stakes win (a mark later shared with Cinemine).. Heritage of Gold would go on to finish third in the 1999 and 2000 Breeders' Cup Distaffs.

June 19, 1999 — Bobby Frankel became the first Hall of Fame trainer to saddle a horse at Lone Star Park when Grade II winner Martiniquais won the $150,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap.

June 25, 1999 — Legendary jockey Laffit Pincay Jr., who would later retire as the sport's all-time leading rider with 9,530 victories (a record that was broken by Russell Baze in 2006), won the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship at the age of 52. He defeated Lone Star Park's leading rider Corey Lanerie, 19 points to 13.

July 9, 1999 — Lone Star Park introduced Drive-Thru Wagering.

July 25, 1999 — Trainer Steve Asmussen won the first of eight Lone Star Park training titles and Corey Lanerie concluded the season with an unprecedented 102 winners (a record that was broken by Cliff Berry in 2006). Record daily averages of $2.75 million on Lone Star's live races and $1.35 million in on-track bets highlighted the 72-day meet.

Aug. 30, 1999 — The Texas Thoroughbred Sales Pavilion, a 12,000-square-foot climate-controlled facility in the stable area, opened for the Fasig-Tipton Texas Summer Yearling Sale.

Oct. 23, 1999 — Ov Jet, claimed for $3,200 in September 1999, completed a Cinderella story by winning the Grade 1, $455,175 Dash For Cash Futurity by a half-length over fastest qualifier Promised Assets. Trained by Anthony Arey for owner Geral Dewitt, the 2-year-old earned $182,070 and would be named the Fall Meeting of Champions Horse of the Meeting.

Nov. 27, 1999 — BK Runner broke fast and finished strong to win the Grade 1, $784,733 Texas Classic Futurity by a half-length over Gone Kool Man to give trainer Steve Van Bebber a 1-2 finish in the race. California-based Joe Badilla Jr. rode the winner and became the Quarter Horse racing's first $3-million winner in a single year. He was a substitute for Gilbert Ortiz, who was seriously injured in a Nov. 21 spill at Lone Star.

Nov. 28, 1999 — On closing day of the Fall Meeting of Champions, trainer Steve Van Bebber saddled a Fall Meeting of Champions record five winners, including two stakes wins. One came in the $75,000 Refrigerator Handicap with Tailor Fit, who would be crowned AQHA World Champion that year.

Dec. 2, 1999 — The American Graded Stakes Committee awarded the Lone Star Park Handicap with Grade III status, giving the Grand Prairie racetrack two graded stakes events for Thoroughbreds.

Dec. 31, 1999 — Lone Star Park concluded its best wagering year with more than $244 million on property.

2000

April 22, 2000 — Florida-based trainer Ralph Ziadie and jockey Eibar Coa raided Lone Star Park and won the Grade III Texas Mile with millionaire Sir Bear and the $300,000 Lone Star Derby with Tahkodha Hills. The start of the Lone Star Derby was delayed for eight minutes when skydivers that were part of a pre-race ceremony made hard landings on their feet and knees to due high winds. In an attempt to collect a $1 million bonus for winning the Lone Star Derby and another Triple Crown race, Tahkodha Hills finished ninth in the Belmont Stakes.

May 29, 2000 — Southern California invader Luftikus clinched Horse of the Meeting honors with an impressive victory in the Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap. Caro's Royalty won the $100,000 Lone Star Park Turf Sprint Handicap for a second time and would later start in the race a record five years in a row. Cinemine equaled Mocha Express' record of four Lone Star Park stakes wins with a victory in the $100,000 Wild Flower Stakes. Jockey Victor Espinoza rode Mumtaz to victory in the $200,000 WinStar Distaff and Purely Cozzene for trainer Bob Baffert in the $200,000 USA Stakes.

June 17, 2000 — Texas-bred Gold Nugget posted a 16-1 upset under jockey Bobby Walker Jr. in the $250,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap and would later be named Texas-bred Horse of the Year.

June 23, 2000	With a victory in the final leg, Edgar Prado won the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship in a tiebreaker with Lone Star Park's leading rider Donnie Meche.
June 30, 2000	Boots On Sunday won the first of eight career stakes wins with a 1 1/2-length victory in the $50,000 Longhorn Sprint.
July 3, 2000	A throng of 33,805 fans attended Lone Star Park for live racing and post-race holiday fireworks – the largest crowd to attend the racetrack outside of the 53,717 that attended the 2004 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.
July 25, 2000	Lone Star Park offered simulcast wagering on Tuesdays for the first time, making simulcast wagering available seven days a week.
Oct. 13, 2000	Eddie Cox Jr. won the inaugural AQHA Jockey Championship with 30 points, eight more than Jacky Martin.
Oct. 20, 2000	Significant Speed, ridden by Roy Baldillez and trained by "Sleepy" Gilbreath, overcame a bobble at the start to win the Grade 1, $208,600 Dash For Cash Derby and broke Dashing Perfection's 1997 stakes record with a clocking of :21.41 for 440 yards. She'd be crowned the AQHA Champion 3-Year-Old.
Oct. 21, 2000	Pivotal Decision won the Grade 1, $484,965 Dash For Cash Futurity under Jockey Juan Vazquez. Owned by Joshua Harner of Lucas, Texas, and trained by John Buchanan, Pivotal Decision prevailed by a half-length over Feature Mr Jess, who finished second as the 9-10 favorite.
Oct. 28, 2000	Runaway Wil kicked clear late to hold off World Champion Tailor Fit by a neck in the Grade 1, $300,000 MBNA America Challenge Championship. The victory by the 15-1 outsider spoiled a fourth Challenge Championship win on the night for trainer Steve Van Bebber, who also saddled Kool Kue Baby to her AQHA record 25th stakes win in the final race of her 64-race career. Also that night, the nation's top distance horse Sign Of Lanty posted a convincing come-from-behind win in the $75,000 MCI WorldCom Distance Championship and completed the 870-yard marathon in :44.27 - a Lone Star Park record and MBNA America Challenge Championships stakes record.
Nov. 18, 2000	*The Thoroughbred Times* reported the results of an on-line survey where readers were asked "Of the tracks that have not hosted the Breeders' Cup, which would be the best site to host a future championship event?" Lone Star Park was the winner, receiving 38.3% of the votes.
Nov. 25, 2000	All American Futurity winner Eyesa Special edged Dash For Cash Futurity champ Pivotal Decision by a neck in a thrilling renewal of the $911,311 Texas Classic Futurity. The 2-year-old millionaire, ridden by Jacky Martin and trained by Jack Brooks, blazed 400 yards in :19.48, which shattered the track record by 15-hundredths of a second. In fact, the top five runners all eclipsed the old mark of :19.63.
Dec. 2, 2000	Steve Van Bebber won his fourth consecutive Fall Meeting of Champions training title and padded his Lone Star Park career records for wins (101), stakes wins (16) and earnings ($1.7 million). Ten days later, he would die tragically at age 50 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
Dec. 31, 2000	Lone Star Park concluded 2000 with a facility record $186.5 million in wagers on simulcast races across the country.

2001

March 30, 2001	Lone Star Park's new $1.2 million world-class GPX Skate Park and Entertainment Center opened to the public.
April 7, 2001	Kentucky invader Percy Hope, ridden by Jon Court, defeated Louisiana Derby winner Fifty Stars in the $500,000 Lone Star Derby. In an attempt to collect a $1 million bonus for winning the Lone Star Derby and another Triple Crown races, Percy Hope finished ninth in the Preakness Stakes.
April 28, 2001	Multiple Grade II winner Dixie Dot Com invaded from California to win the Grade III Texas Mile by 6 ½ lengths under jockey David Flores.
May 12, 2001	Tom Durant's Touch Tone, ridden by Curt Bourque and trained by Ronny Werner, won the $100,000 Alysheba Stakes by five lengths. Later that summer, he would win the Iowa Derby by 7 ¼ lengths and nearly upset eventual Horse of the Year Point Given in the Grade I Haskell Invitational.
May 18, 2001	The GPX Skate Park and Entertainment Center played host to the 2001 X-Trials, a three-day extreme sports competition that was a prelude to ESPN's popular X Games. More than 35,000 patrons attended the three-day competition.

May 26, 2001	The appropriately-named Purse Stealer posted a 115-1 upset in the final race of the day. A $2 win ticket was worth a track record $231.40. The race also triggered a Lone Star Park record $2 Exacta of $6,900 and a record $1 Trifecta of $58,544.
May 28, 2001	Dixie Dot Com, ridden by David Flores and trained by Bill Morey, became the only horse to sweep the Grade III Texas Mile and Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap when he won the latter in 1:40.53 – a 1 1/16-mile track and stakes record. Also, Louisiana super filly Hallowed Dreams won for the 22nd time in 23 starts with a victory in the $100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes. A Lone Star Million record 19,027 attended and more than $6 million was wagered on Lone Star Park's races that day. One lucky patron cashed $48,496.50 on a Lone Star Park record $1 Superfecta. Another was rewarded with a Lone Star Park record $1 Pick 3 payoff of $16,825.50.
June 15, 2001	A crowd of 21,157 attended live racing and a post-race concert by country music artist Pat Green.
June 16, 2001	The $300,000 Dallas Turf Cup, won by the Bobby Frankel-trained El Gran Papa, was televised on CBS Sports, marking the racetrack's first appearance on network television.
June 19, 2001	Lone Star Park announced the creation of the Lone Star Park Charitable Foundation for Grand Prairie.
June 22, 2001	Dallas native Jerry Bailey won the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship with 19 points, one more than 1999 champ Laffit Pincay Jr. Pat Day finished third, completing a Hall of Fame sweep for the top three positions.
June 23, 2001	Hallowed Dreams, who earlier equaled Citation and Cigar's record of 16 consecutive wins, recorded her second stakes win of the meet with a 2 ½-length triumph in the $75,000 Miller Lite Stakes as the odds-on 1-5 favorite. It was her seventh win in a row, 23rd in 24 starts and second victory outside her native state of Louisiana.
June 30, 2001	Lone Star Park staged the first Stars of Texas Day, a day of racing devoted entirely to horses bred in Texas. Lights On Broadway won the $150,000 Assault Stakes in 1:42.24, a stakes record for the 1 1/16-mile event, and gave jockey Cliff Berry his first Lone Star Park stakes win. Lights On Broadway would go on to be named Texas-bred Horse of the Year. Also, trainer Steve Asmussen saddled the top three finishers in the fillies division of the $147,700 TTA Sales Futurity.
July 3, 2001	Jockey Anthony Lovato equaled Ronald Ardoin's 1997 record of six wins on single Lone Star Park program before a holiday crowd of 30,462. His victories included a seven-length score in the $125,000 Grand Prairie Turf Challenge aboard Royal Spy. After the races, fans were treated to post-race fireworks.
July 15, 2001	Steve Asmussen concluded the 2001 Spring Thoroughbred Season atop the trainer standings with 90 wins and a record $2,270,108 in earnings. Lone Star Park concluded the meet with a record total of $147.5 million in off-track wagers.
Sept. 7, 2001	Breeders' Cup Ltd. board of directors voted to include Lone Star Park in a conditional rotation schedule to host a future Breeders' Cup, ideally in 2005. That would later change to 2004 when Churchill Downs was unable to host that year's event due to construction conflicts.
Nov. 2, 2001	Juan Vazquez won the second AQHA All-Star Jockey Championship with 24 points, three more than runner-up Alvin "Bubba" Brossette.
Nov. 29, 2001	The American Graded Stakes Committee awarded the Lone Star Derby with Grade III status, giving Lone Star Park its third graded stakes race for Thoroughbreds.

2002

Feb. 9, 2002	NextStage at Grand Prairie Performance Theater (now known as Nokia Theatre) opened on the property adjacent to Lone Star Park.
March 2, 2002	Magna Entertainment Corp. entered into an agreement with Lone Star Race Park, Ltd. and LSJC Development Corporation to acquire Lone Star Park for a purchase price of $80 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities, including a capital lease obligation of approximately $19 million.
April 4, 2002	Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey rode reigning Texas-bred Horse of the Year Lights On Broadway to victory in the $50,000 Premiere Stakes for his childhood idol, trainer "Bubba" Cascio. All-sources handle that night was an opening night best $3.8 million.
April 5, 2002	Country music icon Willie Nelson performed after the races for what would be the first of three straight years. A season-high crowd of 23,091 attended.

April 26, 2002	The GPX Skate Park and Entertainment Center played host to the 2002 EXPN Invitational, a three-day extreme sports competition formerly known as the B 3 – Bikes, Boards and Blades. More than 250 athletes from around the world competed for open invitations to X Games VIII later that year.
April 27, 2002	In the most roughly-run Texas Mile, Unrullah Bull kicked clear late to win the Grade III event by 1 ½ lengths over Southern California invader Reba's Gold, owned by Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek. Hal's Hope, the two-time Grade I winner from Florida, finished fourth as the 6-5 favorite. Six horses were in a line on the turn for home and three were forced to check when racing got tight. The stewards ruled that no one horse was at fault. The victory gave trainer Cole Norman his first graded stakes win.
May 11, 2002	Lone Star Park repositioned the Lone Star Derby to one week after the Kentucky Derby and it proved to be a popular spot on the national racing calendar. More than $1.5 million was bet on the race, won by Kentucky invader Wiseman's Ferry, who won from the 14-hole under jockey Jorge Chavez.
May 27, 2002	Congaree, under the patient handling of Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day, splashed his way to a convincing two-length victory in the Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap in a front of 18,081 who braved thunderstorms on Lone Star Million Day. Southern California jockey David Flores won three stakes races. Two came aboard trainer Darrell Vienna's graded stakes winners Queen of Wilshire in the $200,000 WinStar Distaff and Nuclear Debate in the $100,000 Beck Auto Group Turf Sprint. Also, 29-1 longshot Prized Amberpro beat Hattiesburg and Hallowed Dreams in the $100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes.
June 15, 2002	In one of the most visually impressive wins in Lone Star Park history, French Group 1 winner Suances coasted to a front-running 1 ½-length victory in the $250,000 Dallas Turf Cup under jockey David Flores. It was one of 15 Lone Star Park stakes wins for Flores through 2006.
June 21, 2002	On the final weekend of his 28-year career, Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron rallied to victory on Yoto Speakes and clinched the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship, 24 points to 18 over Edgar Prado. McCarron retired two days later after a victory aboard Came Home in the Affirmed Handicap at Hollywood Park.
June 29, 2002	Trainer Steve Asmussen brought back 5-year-old Desert Darby from a 348-day layoff to win the $125,000 Assault Stakes on Stars of Texas Day. In the very next race, Asmussen won the $122,500 fillies division of the Texas Stallion Stakes when 29-1 first-time starter Tiffany Jennifer upset even money favorite Parting by three easy lengths. Also on the card, Coastalota won the $100,000 Allen Bogan Memorial Stakes.
July 12, 2002	The Breeders' Cup Ltd. Board of Directors unanimously voted to confirm Lone Star Park as site for the 2004 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships contingent on the parties reaching a final agreement.
July 14, 2002	On an extended 14-race program, trainer Steve Asmussen saddled a Lone Star Park record seven winners, including Confiding Winner in the $84,450 Silver Spur Breeders' Cup and a 1-2-3 finish in the $75,000 Bob Johnson Memorial Stakes with Mountain General, Compendium and Big Numbers. Asmussen had two chances to equal J.C. Williams' 1979 North American record of eight wins, but fell short when Terrizing Jones was second in the 13th race and favored Ms Classic Jones was fifth in the nightcap. Meanwhile, jockey Corey Lanerie concluded the season with a record $2,014,589 in earnings. Lone Star Park finished the meeting with a record daily average of $2 million in off-track wagers.
Oct. 23, 2002	Magna Entertainment Corp. announced that it successfully completed the acquisition of Lone Star Park.
Oct. 26, 2002	Dashers Moon Bar, under Darrell Constantin for trainer Jerry Lazenby, won the Grade 1, $10,000 Olympia Joe Lone Star Paint & Appaloosa Handicap for the fourth time in six runnings of the race.
Nov. 2, 2002	Streakin Sin Tacha, owned and trained by Janet Van Bebber, helped his cause to become the AQHA World Champion with a powerful performance in the Grade 1, $300,000 MBNA America Challenge Championship. Streakin Sin Tacha ran 440 yards on a track rated "sloppy" in a stakes record :21.28. Meanwhile, Classic Sassy Chic equaled the 350-yard world record with a clocking of :17.14 in the Grade 1, $150,000 American Airlines Challenge Championship.
Nov. 20, 2002	Lone Star Park began Phase I of its $8 million expansion plan to host the Breeders' Cup. The three phases included the construction of two 50-stall barns, a 96-stall quarantine barn, six stable area dormitories, two stable area recreation rooms, a 10,000-square-foot ballroom named Champions, the addition of 1,600 permanent outdoor apron box seats and expansion of the winner's circle and saddling paddock. The City of Grand Prairie also expanded Belt Line Road, constructed a private Levee Road entrance and exit to the racetrack and built a retaining wall along the backstretch. The final phase included the installation of 39,000 temporary seats and service structures that extended from the final turn, down the stretch and into the first turn.
Nov. 22, 2002	Judes Mighty Dude, at the age of nine, won his ninth race at Lone Star Park with a 2 ¾-length triumph in the sixth race – a Lone Star Park Quarter Horse record. He won nine of 13 starts at Lone Star Park, all at 870 yards, including the Grade 3 Lone Star Park Distance Championship in 2001.

Nov. 27, 2002	The American Graded Stakes Committee awarded the $200,000 WinStar Distaff Handicap with Grade III status, giving Lone Star Park its fourth graded stakes event for Thoroughbreds.
Dec. 31, 2002	Lone Star Park's all-time leading trainer Steve Asmussen earned his first national training title with 407 winners (95 came at Lone Star Park).

2003

Jan. 10, 2003	Magna Entertainment Corp. announced the launch of HorseRacing TV (HRTV), a new 24-hour cable television network that would provide live horse racing, including action from Lone Star Park.
April 2, 2003	Officials with Breeders' Cup Ltd., NTRA, Magna Entertainment Corp., Lone Star Park and the City of Grand Prairie signed the final agreement to confirm Lone Star Park as the site for the 2004 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.
April 3, 2003	Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day displayed his trademark patience aboard Agrivating General to win the $50,000 Premiere Stakes on Opening Night of the Spring Thoroughbred Season. Day made a special appearance at Lone Star to participate in the official Breeders' Cup announcement the day before.
April 26, 2003	Claimed for $50,000 on New Year's Eve, 6-year-old Georgia-bred gelding Bluesthestandard, who once competed as low as the $10,000 claiming ranks, followed his triumph in Santa Anita's Grade II Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup Handicap with a four-length score over Grade I winner Bonapaw in the Grade III Texas Mile. Bluesthestandard would go on to finish second to Cajun Beat in that year's Breeders' Cup Sprint.
May 10, 2003	Lightly-raced Dynever demonstrated an awesome turn of foot and collected his third straight win with an impressive 1 ½-length victory in the $500,000 Lone Star Derby. The colt would go on to finish fourth in that year's Belmont Stakes behind Empire Maker, Ten Most Wanted and Funny Cide and third in the Breeders' Cup Classic behind Pleasantly Perfect and Medaglia d'Oro.
May 22, 2003	Rick Lee, a handicapper for Lone Star Park and *The Dallas Morning News*, picked all nine winners on the nine-race program.
May 26, 2003	Southern California invader Pie N Burger kicked clear to win the Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap by 2 ¾ lengths over favorite Bluesthestandard and Maysville Slew, who finished in a dead-heat for second. Pie N Burger's victory capped three stakes wins for trainer Cole Norman, who also won the Grade III WinStar Distaff with Eagle Lake and the $100,000 Beck Auto Group Turf Sprint Handicap with That Tat.
June 20, 2003	Riding great Edgar Prado became the first two-time winner of the NTRA All-Star Jockey Championship when he narrowly defeated Shane Sellers, 22 points to 21.
June 21, 2003	Following a third place finish in the Grade I Turf Classic at Churchill Downs, Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott sent Claiborne Farm's New York-based Patrol to Lone Star Park for the $250,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap and won the 1 1/8-mile turf event by one-length over the Neil Drysdale-trained Slew the Red.
July 3, 2003	Lone Star Park expanded its annual Fourth of July holiday post-race fireworks extravaganza from one night to two. A crowd of 20,138 attended the first night, which also featured a post-race concert from rockers .38 Special. The following night with country artist Charlie Robison performing, a crowd of 26,318 brought the two-day total to 46,456.
July 5, 2003	Eddie Martin Jr. won his record eighth stakes race of the meeting when Kool Humor won the $100,000 Alysheba Breeders' Cup Stakes. The new standard eclipsed Marlon St. Julien's seven stakes wins during the inaugural 1997 Spring Thoroughbred Season.
July 13, 2003	Cole Norman dethroned Steve Asmussen in the Lone Star Park trainer standings with a record 98 trips to the winner's circle. Also, jockey Corey Lanerie won his fourth riding title in five years when he edged Eddie Martin Jr., 86-85, in the tightest jockey's race in track history. It would be Lanerie's last season at Lone Star and he left as the track's all-time win leader with 477 victories through 2006.
Nov. 28, 2003	Oak Tree Special clinched AQHA World Champion honors with his eighth consecutive win with a thrilling nose victory over Southern Cartel in the Grade 1, $362,925 Texas Classic Derby. J.R. Ramirez rode the winner for trainer Bobby Martinez and owner Raul Rubalcava. Oak Tree Special joined Dashing Perfection as the only horses to sweep both the Dash For Cash and Texas Classic derbies.
Nov. 29, 2003	Geral Dewitt of Rowlett, Texas won his seventh title as Lone Star Park's leading owner with 13 wins during the Fall Meeting of Champions.

2004

Feb. 7, 2004	Lone Star Park's top trainer Steve Asmussen won a North American record 10 races, including three stakes, from 16 starters at five racetracks around the country: Delta Downs, Fair Grounds, Oaklawn Park, Sam Houston Race Park and Sunland Park.
April 17, 2004	One day after Willie Nelson performed in concert, Roll and Roll Hall of Famers The Beach Boys performed a concert after the races and attracted a crowd of 15,199.
April 24, 2004	Southern California invader Kela won the Grade III Texas Mile by 5 ¼-lengths over Florida-based Supah Blitz on a "sloppy" track. The victory was an early birthday present for trainer Mike Mitchell, who would celebrate his 56th birthday the next day.
May 1, 2004	Despite rainy and unseasonably cool weather, Lone Star Park has its single greatest on-track wagering day when 17,878 wagered $3.4 million on 12 live races and simulcasts, including $1.1 million on the Kentucky Derby won by Smarty Jones. Those records would fall later in the year on the day before the Breeders' Cup, and subsequently, Breeders' Cup Day.
May 8, 2004	Lone Star Park staged its first Dollar Day with a crowd of 20,863 exceeding all expectations. Also, multiple graded stakes winner Beau's Town won the Ford Express Stakes for a second time and became the first horse to run a sub 1:08 six-furlong race when he stopped the teletimer in 1:07.89. En route to his 1 ¼-length thumping of stablemate That Tat, Beau's Town also ran the fastest half-mile (:42.99) and five furlongs (:54.96)..
May 31, 2004	Texas-bred Yessirgeneralsir stole the show and the Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap on Lone Star Million Day. The Dallas Keen-trained runner broke fast from the gate and never looked back, defeating Kentucky-based Sonic West by 2 ¼ lengths. Earlier on the card, trainer Steve Asmussen won four of the seven stakes races – a track record – including the Grade III WinStar Distaff Handicap with Academic Angel, owned by his brother Cash. In the $100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes, Savorthetime ran the fastest six furlongs in track history with a clocking of 1:07.82 - seven-hundredths of a second fastest than Beau's Town ran 23 days earlier. Also on the day, a track record $1 Pick 4 paid $20,337.70.
June 19, 2004	Eight-year-old gelding Maysville Slew, a 21-1 longshot, made up a 15-length deficit under jockey Cliff Berry to beat California invader Star Over the Bay by a neck in the $200,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap. In doing so, Maysville Slew became a millionaire for owner and trainer C.R. Trout. Star Over the Bay would go on to win four of his next five starts: the Grade II Sunset Handicap, Grade II Del Mar Handicap, Grade I Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship and Sunshine Millions Turf.
July 11, 2004	One year after falling one victory short of the riding title, Eddie Martin Jr. collected his only Lone Star Park riding title with 87 victories. Also, trainer Steve Asmussen won the $125,000 colts and geldings division of the Texas Stallion Stakes with Expect Will for his record ninth stakes victory of the meeting, and Kagele Brothers Inc. finished the season with a record 27 winners to lead all owners.
Sept. 22, 2004	Lone Star Park and Breeders' Cup Ltd. announced that the Breeders' Cup was sold out, marking an advance sales record for the fastest sell-out in event history. "In addition to the earliest sellout, we were able to offer the most reserved seats (51,034) in the history of the World Thoroughbred Championships," said Breeders' Cup President D.G. Van Clief Jr.
Sept. 29, 2004	A massive 1 ¼-scale bronze statue of Texas-owned 1988 Horse of the Year and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Alysheba was unveiled. The 1,000-pound bronze statue, designed by renowned equine artist Lisa Perry, became a focal point upon entering Lone Star Park's main East Gate entrance, as it sat atop a landscaped knoll inside the valet parking circle.
Oct. 1, 2004	Opening night of the Fall Breeders' Cup Meeting featured an appearance by Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day, the only jockey to ride in each of the first 20 Breeders' Cups.
Oct. 28, 2004	Native Texan Jerry Bailey defeated Kieren Fallon and Frankie Dettori in what would be the final Jockey Championship at Lone Star Park – the International Jockey Championship – held two days before the Breeders' Cup.
Oct. 29, 2004	Lone Star Park staged what would be the second greatest business day in Lone Star Park history, as more than $6.7 million was bet on Lone Star's live racing, including $2.3 million on-track. The Todd Pletcher-trained Pollard's Vision won the Grade III Walmac Lone Star Derby before a crowd of 25,015. In the $150,000 Stonerside Stakes, the Bob Baffert-trained Yearly Report ran seven furlongs in a track record 1:20.67. Throughout the day, 11 acclaimed racecallers from around the U.S. showcased their talents on All Star Announcers Day:
Oct. 30, 2004	Lone Star Park successfully staged the 21st Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships as a facility-record 53,717 attend. Highlights were frequent on a picture-perfect afternoon as 101 horses from around the world gathered for eight championship contests worth $14 million in purse money. Soon-to-be Horse of the Year Ghostzapper defeated arguably the deepest and most accomplished field ever assembled

for the $4 million Breeders' Cup Classic by three lengths in stakes- and track-record time (1:59.02). Ashado set the track record of 1:48.26 for 1 1/8 miles while winning the Breeders' Cup Distaff. Other winners were Europe's Horse of the Year Ouija Board in the illy & Mare Turf; Speightstown in the Sprint, who completed a Breeders' Cup double for trainer Todd Pletcher; Singletary in the Mile; Wilko beating Afleet Alex in the Juvenile; Better Talk Now prevailing over Kitten's Joy in a controversial Turf; and Sweet Catomine in the Juvenile Fillies. A record $120,863,117 was wagered on the 12-race program, including a record $109,838,668 on the eight Breeders' Cup events. Outside of Lone Star Park, simulcast handle totaled a record $107,536,392 and international simulcast wagering also established a new mark - $16,401,782. Record Lone Star Park pari-mutuel payoffs also were triggered: $2 Superfecta, $107,388; $2 Pick 4, $46,791.20; and five of six in Pick 6, $56,149.60.

Nov. 20, 2004

Lone Star Park's leading trainer Steve Asmussen surpassed Jack Van Berg's 28-year-old record of 496 wins in a year when Coronado Gold won the $50,000 Delta Belle Stakes at Delta Downs. Asmussen would finish the year with an astonishing 555 victories.

2005

April 30, 2005

Dan Schaap from Canyon, Texas passed through the Lone Star Park turnstiles as the racetrack's 10-millionth visitor.

April 30, 2005

High Strike Zone, ridden by Ricky Faul and trained by Amos LaBorde, wore down pacesetter Yessirgeneralsir inside the final furlong of the Grade III Texas Mile and defeated California invader Supah Blitz, the even-money favorite, by 1 ¼ lengths.

May 14, 2005

California-based Southern Africa made a five-wide move on the final turn to win the Grade III Walmac Lone Star Derby by 1 ¼ lengths over Shamoan. It was the first of five stakes wins that season for California-based rider Jon Court.

May 30, 2005

Millionaire Supah Blitz prevailed in a thrilling four-way photo by a nose over Cryptograph, Absent Friend and 6-5 favorite Lion Tamer in the Grade III Lone Star Park Handicap, arguably the greatest finish in track history. The victory was one of three on the day for jockey Jon Court. In the Grade III WinStar Distaff, Kentucky invader Katdogawn rallied for jockey Jerry Bailey to defeat 8-5 favorite Valentine Dancer by 1 ½ lengths.

June 17, 2005

A record post-race concert crowd of 23,656 attended to watch Texas country music stars Cross Canadian Ragweed, who performed at Lone Star Park for the fourth consecutive year.

June 18, 2005

Sea Dub, owned by Doyle Williams and trained by Joe Petalino, paid $109.60 to win in the $200,000 Dallas Turf Cup when he beat California invader Fullbridled by a head under jockey Larry Taylor. Hall of Fame Dallas Cowboys QB Troy Aikman presented the winning trophy.

July 9, 2005

Trainer Bret Calhoun saddled the top four finishers in the $125,000 Texas Stallion Stakes (Pan Zareta Division) when Final Trick, Cats Legend, Sauternes and Dyna's Gold Legend ran 1-2-3-4 on Stars of Texas Day. Also, Goosey Moose successfully defended his title in the $125,000 Assault Stakes and Agrivating General completed the exacta for trainer Danny Pish, who dedicated the triumph to Goosey Moose's late owner and breeder Wilton E. Scott, who passed away the week before at age 93.

July 17, 2005

Royal Oaks Thoroughbreds' Saf Link, trained by Joe Petalino and ridden by Quincy Hamilton, became the first horse in Lone Star Park history to win five races in a single Lone Star Park season with his one-length triumph in the final race of the meeting.

Oct. 29, 2005

Flashy 2-year-old gelding Got Country Grip remained unbeaten in seven career starts with a powerful 1 ½-length victory in the Grade 1, $209,197 Graham Paint Futurity – the richest race ever run for an American Paint Horse. Owned by Jimmy Maddox and trained by Brandon Parum, Got Country Grip covered 350 yards under in a blistering :17.56 -- a track and stakes record. "Without a doubt, he's one of the Paint Horses ever," said winning rider G.R. Carter Jr.

Nov. 25, 2005

The Heath Taylor-trained duo of Vals Fortune and Fredericksburg finished in a dead heat for the win in the Grade 1, $100,000 Refrigerator Handicap.

Nov. 26, 2005

The legendary duo of trainer Jack Brooks and jockey Jacky Martin teamed to win the Grade 1, $1 million Texas Classic Futurity with Pyc Paint Your Wagon. The victory was especially meaningful for 51-year-old Martin, whose wife April suddenly passed away Oct. 28. "I was needing this win," Martin said. "This win will do me wonders…I've been in kind of a bad state of affairs for the last month."

Dec. 2, 2005

The American Graded Stakes Committee awarded the $200,000 Dallas Turf Cup Handicap with Grade III status, giving Lone Star Park its fifth graded stakes race for Thoroughbreds.

Dec. 31, 2005 — Trainer Steve Asmussen was Thoroughbred racing's national leader in races-won for the third time in four years when he finished 2005 with 474 trips to the winner's circle.

2006

Jan. 16, 2006 — Lone Star Park debuted a customer rewards program that would reward patrons based on visitation and dollars spent at the racetrack. "*Star Player Rewards*" was free to join and members would earn points for discounts and special offers based on visitation and wagering as well as food and beverage and Gift Shop purchases. The new program would also offer a discounted $1 general admission to the racetrack.

Feb. 3, 2006 — Magna Entertainment Corp. appointed Drew Shubeck as Vice-President and General Manager of Lone Star Park. Shubeck had been the general manager of MEC Pennsylvania Racing at The Meadows since 2002, and had seven-years experience as an associate general manager for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which oversaw Monmouth Park and The Meadowlands.

April 16, 2006 — Hadenough, at the age of eight, won her record ninth race at Lone Star Park – all at five furlongs on the turf.

April 22, 2006 — Proven Cure, owned by Dr. William Reed's Stonecrest Farm and trained by John Locke, won the $40,000 Littlebitlively Stakes by three lengths under jockey Quincy Hamilton. In doing so, Proven Cure became only the fifth Thoroughbred since 1970 to win a stakes race at the age of 12. The win was his eighth victory in 12 starts since turning age 11.

April 29, 2006 — Kip Deville, trained by Mike Neatherlin, who co-owned the colt with Roy Cobb, won the $75,000 Grand Prairie Turf Challenge Stakes by four lengths in wire-to-wire fashion under jockey Quincy Hamilton. Neatherlin and Cobb sold the colt after the race for a reported $500,000 and Kip Deville would later win back-to-back graded stakes at Santa Anita, including the Grade I Frank E. Kilroe Mile Handicap on March 3, 2007.

May 13, 2006 — The Bob Baffert-trained Wanna Runner was much the best in the Grade III Walmac Lone Star Derby and easily defeated longshot Wait in Line by 5 ¼ lengths under a hand ride – the largest margin of victory in the race's 10-year history.

May 29, 2006 — Santa Anita Handicap runner-up Magnum, ridden by Pat Valenzuela, beat Texcess by 1 ¼ lengths in the Grade III Lone Star Park, which featured a $400,000 purse for the first time. The race capped the eighth Lone Star Million, which also included a victory by Grade I champ Sweet Talker in the Grade III WinStar Distaff Handicap. In other races, trainer Patrick Biancone flew in six horses from Kentucky on the morning of the event and prevailed in the $150,000 Pin Oak Stud USA Stakes with graded stakes winner Stream Cat, ridden by national win leader Julien Leparoux. Trainer Steve Asmussen won his record 10th Lone Star Million stakes race when Red Lifesaver took the $100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes under jockey Luis Quinonez, who also guided Brownie Points to victory in the $100,000 Stonerside Stakes. Sweepingly was a surprise winner of the $100,000 Beck Auto Group Turf Sprint Handicap at odds of 22-1, defeating Grade III winner Man of Illusion.

June 3, 2006 — Trainer Steve Asmussen collected his 50th career Lone Star Park stakes win when Stalwartly won the $40,000 Nevill/Kyocera Stakes.

June 8, 2006 — In his second start, 2-year-old Great Hunter, owned by Ilona Whetstone and trained by Joe Petalino, broke his maiden by 1 ¾ lengths under jockey Quincy Hamilton. Following the race, the colt was sold to owner J. Paul Riddam who sent Great Hunter to California-based trainer Doug O'Neill. Great Hunter would go onto to win the Grade I Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland in October and finish third in the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In Great Hunter's 2007 three-year-old debut, he won the Grade II Robert B. Lewis Stakes at Santa Anita.

June 17, 2006 — Trial By Jury, a 12-1 outsider from the Bruce Jackson barn, defeated the Bobby Frankel-trained New Export by a neck to win the Grade III Dallas Turf Cup Handicap. Later on the card, War Bridle held on to beat Nuttyboom by a head in the $40,000 Carter McGregor Jr. Memorial Stakes, which featured the amazing comeback of 9-year-old Boots On Sunday. The eight-time stakes winner came out of a 3 ½-year retirement to race again for trainer Danny Pish, but faded to eighth. The comeback was scrapped shortly thereafter. Also, trainer Dallas Keen won a race to join Steve Asmussen, Cole Norman and Bret Calhoun as the only trainers to win 200 races at Lone Star Park.

July 8, 2006 — On Stars of Texas Day, 2-year-old gelding Be a Resident remained unbeaten with convincing 1 ¼-length victory over Holy Mission in the Staunch Avenger Division of the $125,000 Texas Stallion Stakes. Meanwhile, the maiden Wrenice powered to a 6 ¼-length triumph in the Pan Zareta Division for 2-year-old fillies. Also, Dreamsandvisions won the $75,000 Assault Stakes; Shesabigcat wired older females in the $60,000 Allen Bogan Memorial Stakes; Rain On Monday survived a steward's inquiry and gave trainer Steve Asmussen a 1-2-3 finish in the $40,000 Harold V. Goodman Memorial Stakes; and Open Meadows collected her second stakes win of the meet with a front-running score in the $40,000 Valor Farm Stakes.

July 22, 2006	Jockey Quincy Hamilton equaled Eddie Martin Jr.'s 2003 record of eight stakes wins during a Lone Star Park meeting when Miss Mary Pat won the $50,000 Silver Spur Breeders' Cup Stakes by 1 ½ lengths for trainer Steve Asmussen.
July 23, 2006	Jockey Cliff Berry rode Satellite to victory on closing day of the Spring Thoroughbred Season to break Corey Lanerie's 1999 record of 102 victories in a single Lone Star Park Season. It was the second straight Lone Star title for Berry, who finished the 66-day meet with 103 wins and 19 victories shy of Corey Lanerie's record of 477 for career Lone Star wins by a jockey. Also, Steve Asmussen, Lone Star Park's career win leader with 651 victories through 2006, wrapped up his eighth Lone Star Park training title with 55 wins. Sandy and Jerry Heflin edged four-time leading owner Tom Durant (Lone Star's all-time leading owner with 127 local wins) for the honor as top owner.
Oct. 7, 2006	Country Chicks Man annihilated his competition in the Grade 1, $100,000 Refrigerator Handicap to win by 1 ½ lengths over 8-5 favorite This Snow Is Royal. "He was here tonight to make a statement and he did just that," said Country Chicks Man's owner, breeder and trainer Sparky Mullins. "That was a championship-type performance."
Oct. 26, 2006	Reigning AQHA World Champion DM Shicago snapped a five-race losing streak with a victory against two rivals in an allowance race.
Oct. 28, 2006	Dont Let Down showed that his third in the All American Futurity was no fluke and powered home to win the Grade 1, $426,375 Dash For Cash Futurity. Earlier, Hall of Fame trainer Jack Brooks bagged his fourth Dash For Cash Derby when Ima Ramblin Girl prevailed in the Grade 1 event worth $193,300.
Nov. 11, 2006	This Snow Is Cold, the lone female in the field of 11, prevailed by a nose in a thrilling three-horse photo with longshot WRS Special Shoe and LDS Dash for Dylan to win the Grade 1, $301,500 MBNA America Challenge Championship. The lucrative race capped the 14th MBNA America Challenge Championships in front of 8,128. Earlier, Magical Thunder took the Grade 1 Bayer Legend Derby. Eye Caughtcha Peekin won Grade 2 John Deere Distaff. Strider Man prevailed in the Grade 1 Red Cell Distance. Remember Me Rose won the Grade 2 Ford Juvenile. Speedy Injun won the $75,000 Professional's Choice Claiming.
Nov. 29, 2006	Ivory James, the fastest qualifier to the Dec. 1 Texas Classic Futurity, was not allowed to start in Texas' richest horse race because he experienced "exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage" during his Nov. 18 trial race and was placed on the Texas Veterinarian List. The diagnosis by State Veterinarian Dr. Ron Browning will prevent the 2-year-old from racing for 30 days.
Dec. 2, 2006	Valiant Hero's narrow neck victory in the Grade 1, $1,053,912 Texas Classic Futurity capped a sensational closing night for trainer Jack Brooks and jockey G.R. Carter Jr. The duo teamed to win each of the three stakes events. Brooks, who won his third Texas Classic Futurity, also collected his third Texas Classic Derby with PYC Paint Your Wagon and the $20,000 Burnett Handicap with Dashin Prince Henry, both ridden by Carter. PYC Paint Your Wagon joined Mr Jess Perry (1994-95) as the lone horses to sweep the Texas Classic Futurity and Derby in consecutive years. "Diamond" Jim Brooks, at age 55, won his second consecutive riding title with 32 winners. Judd Kearl won two races on the card to tie John Buchanan for leading trainer with 18 wins apiece. A.D. Maddox repeated as leading owner with nine victories.

2007

Feb. 7, 2007	Corey Johnsen resigned as President of Magna Entertainment Corp. Southern Operations to join a group of private investors that were in the process to acquire controlling interest of another North American racetrack.
Feb. 27, 2007	Magna Entertainment Corp. appointed Michael Neuman to its Board of Directors and as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Neuman, who had been an advisor to Chairman Frank Stronach for several months, was President and COO of EchoStar, which operated DISH Network in the United States, before joining MEC. Another highlight of his 25-year business career was as President of Bell Mobility, a wireless telecommunications operator in Canada.
March 1, 2007	Magna Entertainment Corp. named Drew Shubeck as President and General Manager for Lone Star Park. In addition, G.W. Hail and Paula Newman were both promoted to Vice-President and Assistant General Manager.
March 7, 2007	The Lone Star Park Charitable Foundation for Grand Prairie awarded $90,000 to 16 Grand Prairie charities, bringing its five-year total to $370,000 in total gifts.
April 17, 2007	Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie celebrates the 10th anniversary of its first live race.
April 21, 2007	Lone Star Park unveiled a new Lone Star Park Hall of Fame in which a foundation class of 14 inductees was honored with permanent enshrinement in the Saddling Paddock. Those inducted were horses Anet, Kool Kue Baby and Mocha Express; jockey Ronald Ardoin; trainers Steve Asmussen, Jack Brooks and Bob

Baffert; owner Tom Durant; dignitaries the Trammell Crow Family, Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England, Corey S. Johnsen, Jim & Marilyn Helzer and Robert L. Kaminski; and horseplayer J.S. "Ponti" Campagna.

May 28, 2007

Bob and John, voted the Champion Older Male after earning $295,000 at the meeting, and who finished second in the Grade III, $300,000 Texas Mile, beat **Sweetnorthernsaint** in a memorable renewal of the Grade III, $400,000 Lone Star Park Handicap.

July 4, 2007

Mystery Classic, a 4-year-old gelded son of Mystery Storm, was clocked in :56.73 under Eddie Martin Jr. in winning the $50,000 Lone Star Park turf Sprint stakes. The victory gave Martin his record 23rd stakes win at Lone Star Park, which snapped a tie with Corey Lanerie.

July 6, 2007

On the 53rd day of Lone Star Park's 67-date Spring Thoroughbred Season, the powerful ownership team of Sandy and Jerry Heflin of Rockwall, Texas and Ywachetta and James Driver of Irving, Texas won two races to bring their season total to 28 – a new single-season win record by an owner at the Grand Prairie, Texas racetrack. The Kagele Brothers set the old mark of 27 in the spring of 2004.

December 1, 2007

Illegal Memories, the winner of the Grade 1, $1,069,297 Texas Classic Futurity, was voted Lone Star Park's Horse of the Meeting for the 2007 Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses. Illegal Memories was purchased for $5,500 by owners Tim Lange and Charlie Forbes, and trained by Doug McMullen. Roy Baldillez was the winning jockey in the Texas Classic Futurity. "Diamond" Jim Brooks, at age 56, collected his third straight riding title at the 2007 meetingwith 32 wins.

2008

April 26, 2008

Monterey Jazz, from the barn of California trainer Craig Dollase, cruised to an 8-length victory in the 12th running of the Grade III $300,000 Texas Mile under David Flores. The win marked the third Texas Mile for jockey Flores, who won the inaugural Texas Mile in 1997 aboard Isitingood and won again with Dixie Dot Com in 2001.

May 3, 2008

Lone Star Park hosted its fourth largest Kentucky Derby crowd when 18,689 patrons watched Big Brown win the 134th "Run for the Roses" at Churchill Downs. Trainer Bred Calhoun won four straight races on the day's card and jockeys Cliff Berry and Eddie Martin, Jr. each made three trips to the winner's circle to add local sparkle to the historic afternoon. More than $3.4 million was wagered on-track and all-sources handle was up 6.7 percent.

May 10, 2008

Trainer Craig Dollase captured his second straight graded stakes in Texas when El Gato Malo won the 12th edition of the Lone Star Derby under jockey Rafael Bejarano. Monterey Jazz won the Texas Mile for Dollase on April 26.

May 26, 2008

Pin Oak Stable's Brownie Points took the 12th running of the Grade III $200,000 Ouija Board Distaff for trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel. Patiently handled by jockey Luis Quinonez, Brownie Points overcame outside post position 11 with a stretch run that saw her set a new stakes record of 1:35.82 for the mile. Having finished second to the great race mares Zenyatta and Hysterical Lady, the Ouija Board gave Brownie Points her moment of glory.

May 26, 2008

Jockey Brice Blanc guided Church Service to a nose victory in the Grade III $200,000 Dallas Turf Cup for trainer Mike Mitchell. It was the horse's first graded stakes victory and fourth win from 21 career starts.

May 26, 2008

Stronach Stable's Giant Gizmo, trained by five-time Eclipse Award winner Bobby Frankel and ridden by 2007 Eclipse Award-winning jockey Garrett Gomez, overcame a troubled trip to win the Grade III $400,000 Lone Star Park Handicap by two lengths. Giant Gizmo broke awkwardly and was then forced four wide in both the first turn and the final turn before securing the lead at the quarter pole. The Lone Star Park Handicap served as the highlight race of the richest day in Texas racing, Lone Star Million Day, which featured six stakes races worth $1.1 million in purses.

July 4, 2008

A July Fourth fireworks crowd of over 20,000 witnessed Ernesto, a five-year-old gelding, set a new track record of 1:27.67 for seven and a half furlongs under jockey Quincy Hamilton. The previous record of 1:27.90 was set by Song Dancer on July 16, 2006.

July 5, 2008

20-1 longshot Joe Move established a new stakes record of 55.39 for five furlongs when he won the 12th running of the Lone Star Park Turf Sprint for owner/trainer Richard Bird. Jockey Eguard Tejera took Joe Move wire to wire in a move that was only .26 second off the horse's own track record of 55.13 set on July 15, 2007 and eclipsing the previous stakes record of 55.60 set by Caro's Royalty in the inaugural running of the race on June 28, 1997.

July 12, 2008

Lone Star Park inducted Clarence & Dorothy Scharbauer, L. William (Bill) and Corinne Heiligbrodt and Dixie Dot Com into the Lone Star Park Hall of Fame. Dixie Dot Com was owned by Don and Carole

Chaiken and Bart and Ronelle Heller. Clarence and Dorothy Scharbauer owned Thoroughbred Hall of Fame inductee Alysheba and five Quarter Horse champions.

October 14, 2008 — Retired Hall of Fame jockeys Pat Day, Laffit Pincay and Angel Cordero visited Lone Star Park's Post Time Pavilion for a free autograph session as part of the Breeders' Cup Legends Tour. The tour was created to promote the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

2009

April 25, 2009 — Trainer Randy Morse's Jonesboro became Thoroughbred racing's newest millionaire when he won the 13th running of the Grade III $300,000 Texas Mile under jockey Cliff Berry. Named after owner Michael Langford's hometown of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Jonesboro pushed his career earnings to $1,123,575 with his 13th win from 38 starts.

May 9, 2009 — Trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Victor Espinoza teamed up once again to win the 13th running of the Grade III $400,000 Lone Star Derby with Peachtree Stable's Mythical Power. The formidable team of Baffert/Espinoza previously won the Lone Star Derby in 2006 with Wanna Runner. Mythical Power won easily by seven and a half lengths and improved his career record to two wins from five starts. The win gave the horse his first graded stakes victory and Baffert his third Lone Star Derby winner (Anet in 1997 and Wanna Runner in 2006).

May 25, 2009 — Jockey Julien Leparoux made his trip to Texas a winning one when he captured three stakes victories including the Grade III $400,000 Lone Star Park Handicap aboard It's a Bird. Leparoux also took the 13th running of the $100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes with Pious Ashley and the Grade III $200,000 Dallas Turf Cup on Seaspeak. Wasted Tears set a new course record in the 13th running of the Grade III $200,000 Ouija Board Distaff over a firm turf course. Owner/trainer/breeder Bart Evans' game filly stopped the clock at 1:32.81 for a mile on the turf and improved her record to six wins from 11 starts. Wasted Tears now has a perfect four-for-four record over the Lone Star Park turf course.

July 19, 2009 — Waylay, owned and trained by Darrell Bravenec, set a record by winning his sixth race of the meeting. Waylay went on to be named Champion Claiming Horse of the Meeting.

July 26, 2009 — Lone Star Park's all-time leading trainer, Steve Asmussen, shatters the previous record of 98 wins in a single season by making 117 trips to the winner's circle. The previous mark was set by Cole Norman (2003). His single-season record-breaking 99th victory came on July 11 with Big Texas Daddy in the $125,000 Texas Stallion Stakes (Staunch Avenger Division). It was the 11th training title for Asmussen.

November 28, 2009 — Jose Trevino's Tempting Dash, trained by Eusevio Huitron, improved his race record to four-for-four in winning the Grade 1, $1,105,397 Texas Classic Futurity. With jockey Julian Cantu aboard, Tempting Dash became the first horse to sweep the Dash for Cash Futurity and the Texas Classic Futurity.

2010

April 24, 2010 — Mythical Power became the first horse in Lone Star Park history to win both the Lone Star Derby and the Texas Mile. Winner of the 2009 Lone Star Derby, Mythical Power ran down Bret Calhoun trainee Euroears in the stretch to capture the 14th running of the Grade III $200,000 Texas Mile for owner Peachtree Stables, trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Martin Garcia. Euroears finished a neck behind in second and it was 3 ½ lengths further back to Fifteen Love in third.

May 8, 2010 — Trainer Bob Baffert made his fourth trip to the Lone Star Derby winner's circle when Game On Dude took the 14th edition of the Grade III $200,000 race. Jockey Martin Garcia piloted Game On Dude to a four-and-a-half length win margin. Baffert won the Lone Star Derby in 1997 with Anet, 2006 with Wanna Runner and 2009 with Mythical Power. Mythical Power went on to win the 2010 Texas Mile, becoming the first horse in Lone Star Park history to accomplish the feat.

May 31, 2010 — Wasted Tears won the 14th running of the Grade III $200,000 Ouija Board Distaff for owner, trainer and breeder Bart Evans. The victory marked Wasted Tears' sixth consecutive win, including four graded stakes, and the second time she captured this event in as many tries. Wasted Tears set a new course record during her 2009 win of the Ouija Board.

May 31, 2010 — Anna Rose Napravnik became the first female jockey to win a graded stakes race in Lone Star Park history when she guided Redding Colliery to victory in the Grade III $300,000 Lone Star Park Handicap for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. Awesome Gem finished second by 6 ¾ lengths and Euroears was another 6 ½ lengths back in third.

July 18, 2010 — Tom Durant won the owners race for the third straight year and in doing so set a single season record with 37 victories. Durant surpassed the previous mark of 30 set by Heflin and Driver Racing, GP in 2007.

October 2, 2010	Spit Curl Diva took the 14th running of the Grade I $100,000 Refrigerator Handicap for jockey David Brown, trainer Jody Brown and Lepic-Morgan Partnership, owner. The sorrel daughter of Spit Curl Jess bested ten rivals in the 440-yard event, stopping the timer at 21.366 and earning a speed index of 98.
October 9, 2010	Hernando Guerra's A Snowy Cartel captured the Grade I $463,185 Dash for Cash Futurity, covering the 400-yard distance in 19.412 and earning a speed index of 104 under jockey Esgar Ramirez. Trained by Erika Huitron, daughter of Eusevio Huitron, A Snowy Cartel improved her race record to five wins from six starts and increased her lifetime earnings to $316,540.
October 9, 2010	Fishin Cr, bred, owned and trained by Christian Rubalcava, set a new stakes record of 21.267 seconds for 440 yards when he won the Grade II $168,600 Dash for Cash Derby. Ridden by Berkley Packer, the bay son of Fishin Kisses pushed his nose in front and won by the narrowest of margins at odds of 10-1.
November 13, 2010	Streakin Down, owned by Ed Melzer and trained by Eddie Willis, won the 18th running of the $367,649 Texas Classic Derby under jockey Jimmy Dean Brooks. The bay son of Streakin Sixes covered 440 yards in 21.237 seconds, a finish strong enough to earn him a speed index of 102. First Prize Leese finished a half length behind in second and a nose ahead of Dash Back Perry in third.
November 13, 2010	Bodacious Dash, a Texas-bred son of First Down Dash, bested nine rivals to win the Grade I $1,036,612 Texas Futurity Classic for owner Johnny Trotter and trainer Trey Wood. Bodacious Dash carried regular rider Ricky Ramirez over the 400-yard distance in 19.518, earning a speed index of 101. American Runaway finished a head back in second and it was another head back to post-time favorite Dm Streakin Thru Fire in third. Bodacious Dash was named Horse of the Meet for the 2010 Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses, while Wood was named leading trainer and Ramirez was named leading jockey.

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April 13, 2011	Lone Star Park and the horse racing network TVG agreed to terms to broadcast Lone Star Park's 2011 Thoroughbred meeting via the TVG television network.
April 23, 2011	Steve Asmussen trainee Thiskyhasnolimit, owned by Cathy and Bob Zollars and Mark Wagner, wore down pacesetter Gladding in the stretch to win the 15th running of the Grade III $200,000 Texas Mile under jockey Justin Shepherd. The $125,000 winner's share of the purse bumped Thiskyhasnolimit's earnings to $706,532 and the win improved his race record to five wins from 16 starts.
May 12, 2011	Jockey Luis Quinonez recorded the 3,000th Thoroughbred race win of his career at Lone Star Park when Hit It Hard rolled to a decisive 8 ¾ length victory in the seventh race on Thursday, May 12, 2011. Quinonez scored his first career win in 1989 at Canterbury Downs in Minnesota and has ridden more than 21,000 races while winning with 14 percent of his mounts. Quinonez is tied for 12th all-time leading wins at Lone Star Park with 215.
May 16, 2011	Lone Star Park President and General Manager Drew Shubeck announced the sale of Lone Star Park's racing license to Global Gaming LSP, LLC is official. Representatives from Global Gaming Solutions completed closing documents that officially transferred ownership to Global Gaming LSP, LLC on Monday, May 16, 2011.
May 30, 2011	Wasted Tears, bred, owned and trained by Bart Evans, captured the 15th running of the Grade III $20,000 Ouija Board over firm turf. The six-year-old mare, ridden by Julien Leparoux, recorded her third consecutive victory in the premier turf event for fillies and mares at Lone Star Park. Wasted Tears set a still-standing course record of 1:32.81 for the one-mile distance in winning the Ouija Board in 2009. The 2011 win improved her record to 12 wins from 19 starts, including a perfect six-for-six over the Lone Star Park turf course. The $119,000 winner's share of the purse increased her earnings to $889,598.
May 30, 2011	Awesome Gem, owned by West Point Thoroughbreds and trained by Craig Dollase, took the 15th running of the Grade III $300,000 Lone Star Park Handicap. Second in the 2010 running of the race, Awesome Gem, piloted by Robbie Albarado, gained command after a three-wide move in the stretch and held off a late-running Flat Out by a length. Game On Dude, winner of the 2010 Lone Star Derby, was another 1¼ lengths back in third. Awesome Gem pushed his race record to eight wins from 43 starts and increased his lifetime earnings to $2,508,270.
June 10, 2011	The gathering of 24,152 for the Eli Young Band represents the largest non-fireworks post-race concert in Lone Star Park history, surpassing the 23,656 that attended Cross Canadian Ragweed on June 17, 2005.
July 18, 2011	Global Gaming Solutions began planned multi-million dollar plant enhancements with renovation work to the Post Time Pavilion simulcasting facility. During the renovation work, all simulcast operations will be relocated to the first and second floors of the main grandstand and will remain operational seven days a week. The second floor of the grandstand is non-smoking and has limited food and beverage service. All retail sales will be run from the main gift shop in the grandstand. Valet parking will be available.

September 22, 2011	Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie was granted 79 live racing dates for 2012 by the Texas Racing Commission, including a 53-date spring Thoroughbred season that will run from April 12 through July 8, 2012 and a 26-night Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses to run from September 14 through November 10, 2012. The 2012 Thoroughbred schedule is one day more than the 2011 season while the Quarter Horse schedule will be the same number of days as allocated for 2011.
October 1, 2011	Louisiana Senator, owned by Terry Wootan and James Yates and trained by Heath Taylor, won the 15th running of the Grade I $100,000 Refrigerator Handicap under jockey G. R. Carter, Jr. The five-year-old colt completed the 440-yard distance in 21.119 and earned a speed index of 104.
October 8, 2011	Sixes Streak, owned by Jerry Windham and trained by Heath Taylor, proved best in the 14th running of the Grade I $414,045 Dash for Cash Futurity over a fast-sealed track. With jockey G. R. Carter, Jr. aboard, the Texas-bred son of Streakin Sixes registered a head victory over John the Banker in a final time of 19.404 for 400 yards, earning a speed index of 102. Texasindependencegal finished another head back in third.
October 8, 2011	Wagon to Hollywood stole the show in the 14th running of the Grade II $153,300 Dash for Cash Derby contested over a fast-sealed track. The 30-1 longshot set a new stakes record of 21.182 for 440 yards, earning a speed index of 103. Owned by Narciso Flores, trained by Heath Taylor, and ridden by Jarrod Deschamp, Wagon to Hollywood held on a nose in front of Zoomandkicken, with Eyes Blew by You a half-length back in third.
November 12, 2011	With Salvador Martinez in the irons, Sure Shot B, owned by Charles Forbes, Jr. and Tommy Hays, and trained by John Stinebaugh, proved best in the Grade 1, $1,158,941 Texas Classic Futurity. Sure Shot B was named Horse of the Meeting for the 2011 Fall Meeting of Champions. With six wins, owner A.D. Maddox claimed his sixth owner's title finishing in a tie with Jerry Windham. Trainer Trey Wood compiled 20 victories during the 2011 Fall Meeting of Champions to clinch his third straight training title. The leading rider for the fourth straight year was Ricky Ramirez with 32 wins.