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There are many reasons why Perfect Union is worthy of Hall of Fame recognition, but here are 10 important ones: Perfect One, Perfect 10, So Easy, Keep The Change, Union Bullet, Union Jet, Union Lady, Perfect Choice, Speedy Luther and Perfect Bullet.

Those are the offspring that earned a cumulative \$171,713.61 on the track, and who in turn produced other great Appaloosa racehorses.

Perfect Union's inauspicious start began in Inola, Oklahoma, where she was foaled. Hall of Famer L.K. Rutherford Jr. of Inola and Richard Rutherford of Davenport, Iowa, bred Cricket's Cliché to Thoroughbred stallion Bolodier, and the result was a blanketed sorrel filly.

The mare had her own time to shine on the track as a 2 year old, earning \$9,589.83 in only eight starts. She had two wins, one place and two shows, with her most notable finish a third in the Centennial Juvenile Stakes in Littleton, Colorado.

Though her own record isn't full of glamorous stakes wins, her powerful production in subsequent years made her the leading dam of money-earning Appaloosa racehorses for several years.

Most notable of the 10 are Keep The Change, Perfect One and Union Jet. Keep The Change was foaled in 1985 and sired by Quarter Horse Bayshore Bullet. The gelding earned an impressive \$111,993.60 in five years on the track.

As a 2 year old, Keep The Change placed third in the World Wide Futurity, but followed up with wins in the Kansas Sunflower Classic Futurity,

Texas Futurity and Cricket Bars Futurity. He returned as a 3 year old to place third in the Supreme Maturity and Appaloosa Prep Maturity, but dominated the Cricket Bars Maturity.

His 4-year-old year saw place and show in various races, but he finished his career as a 5 year old by winning the Cricket Bars Maturity and Buck Keck Memorial Handicap.

Perfect One was the first daughter of Perfect Union, foaled in 1979. Sired by Ichibon (AQHA), Perfect One foaled 16 babies; 15 earned \$457,165.40 on the track, earning her leading dam of money earning Appaloosa racehorses in her own time. Ten years later came Union Jet, sired by Easy Jet (AQHA); this mare produced seven foals that earned \$143,706.05 cumulatively.

Through her foals, Perfect Union created a racing line that can still be found in today's leading the nation statistics. The mare changed owners throughout her lifetime, including Racing Hall of Famer Lewis Wartchow and John Haid Jr.

John purchased the mare in 1994, at 19. He successfully bred her to Dash For Perks (AQHA) in 1995, but both mare and foal died due to foaling complications in spring 1996.

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