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- **Early registration:**
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
April 30 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile report:**
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within 15 days of arrival in state

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Princess of Sylmar sells for \$3.1 million at Fasig-Tipton

By Barbara Luna

Breeder Ed Stanco and his partners in King of Prussia Stables witnessed their 4-year-old Princess of Sylmar top Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's The November Sale when she sold for \$3.1 million to Shadai Farm in November. Shadai Farm and Stallion Station is owned by Teruya Yoshido, and is the leading breeder in Japan.

In a catalogue full of graded stakes-winning racemares and stakes producers, Princess, as she was known by her owner and fans, was consigned by Taylor Made Farm as a broodmare prospect after retiring from racing in September. She was the only mare whose opening bid was \$1 million, but was one of 23, including her dam Storm Dixie, whose price reached seven figures in the marquee sale.

Consigned by Brookdale Sales, the 10-year-old Storm Dixie, by Catienus, was sold in foal to leading sire Tapit and was purchased by Olin Gentry as agent for \$1.9 million.

"It was an emotional day for us when we decided to retire Princess," said Ed Stanco. "We are so attached to her, but she belongs in the next phase of her life right now. There is so much at risk when they are this valuable, and both she and Storm Dixie belong at an operation used to such a large portfolio."

King of Prussia Stable is a small partnership of seven owners which was formed in 2006, with Stanco the managing partner. Storm Dixie was purchased at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Two-Year-Olds in Training sale that year, and was stakes-placed before being bred to first-year stallion Majestic Warrior upon her retirement in 2009.

The following year, Stanco visited Princess of Sylmar shortly after she was foaled at Ron and Betsy Houghton's Sylmar Farm in Christiana. Living in nearby Malvern, he was a regular visitor watching the chestnut filly grow, and eventually be broke to saddle.

"The plan was for us to remain small, just race one or two horses at a time," said Stanco. "We are just a couple of prudent guys who wanted to work within a manageable budget."

"We wanted to breed PA-breds, and send them to Todd Pletcher if they were good, and just see what would happen."

What happened was Princess of Sylmar reeled off consecutive Grade 1 wins in the Kentucky Oaks, Coaching Club American Oaks, Alabama Stakes and Beldame Stakes.

Although her disappointing finish in the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1 at Santa Anita took her out of the running for Eclipse honors, Stanco had no regrets about the trip across country, and gave her well deserved time off at WinStar Farm for a few months before returning her for her 4-year-old campaign.

"Running her was the right thing to do," he said. "If people are in the business of horse-racing for only the "highs" of the sport, then they need to rethink horse ownership. You have to have passion for the animal, or you should not be in it."

Princess of Sylmar continued

With 2014 goals of the Personal Ensign Stakes and Delaware Handicap, Pletcher first saddled Princess to win the Cat Cay Stakes in April at Aqueduct. She finished second in both the Grade 1 Ogden Phipps Stakes at Belmont, missing by a head, followed by the Delaware Handicap.

"We saw that she had the opportunity to win the Delaware Handicap, but she just didn't go for it," said Stanco. "We tried her once more in the Personal Ensign in August, but she just wasn't moving forward, like her heart was no longer in it."

"It really wasn't so bad when we made the decision to retire her," said Stanco. "If we gave her more time off, we would have had to wait until her 5-year-old season to run again. This filly was so brilliant—it was time to let her move on to something else."

The Princess retired with \$2,017,220 in earnings and nine wins from 15 starts.

Shipped to Taylor Made Farm in September, Princess of Sylmar immediately impressed Hunter Houlihan, account manager and a bloodstock agent for the famed sales agency. Accustomed to consigning many of the nation's finest Thoroughbreds, including Havre de Grace and Ashado, Houlihan ranked Princess among the best.

"I've not been around a classier animal," said Houlihan. "Obviously, we are a bit biased, but we see horses coming straight off the track to the farm for sales prep being a bit tough to handle, very high strung, and unaccustomed to this environment. At the sales, it is stressful for

any of them to be pulled out of their stalls so frequently and shown to prospective buyers, but she has been perfect, just pure class—so composed, so comfortable and calm. She was just excellent to be around. We had a lot of people who fell in love with her immediately."

The morning after the sale, Houlihan said Taylor Made was very excited when the opening bid for Princess of Sylmar was \$1 million. "There was so much depth and quality in the sale, and so many good buyers. The \$3.1 million feels like \$10 million to me right now, as she was among stakes mares that were in foal to Tapit, and she still brought the highest price."

After a period of quarantine in Kentucky, Princess of Sylmar, along with other bloodstock purchased by Shadai, will fly to the island of Hokkaido where the farm is located.

Stanco was quick to compliment both Taylor Made Sales and Houlihan on their work with his filly, and Brookdale and Joe Seitz with managing the sale of Storm Dixie.

"Both outfits were first class," he said. "They did a great job with their marketing strategies, and Taylor Made has seen Princess off into a world where she now belongs."

While Japan's leading breeder Shadai Farm signed the ticket worth millions, it's impossible to place a dollar figure on what the classy chestnut filly and her breeder and owners have done for the sport of

racing and for other worthwhile causes, like childhood disease.

From her Facebook page, to her support of childhood cancer fundraising and fulfilling the dreams of racing fans of all ages, Princess has been available to the public like few other horses of her worth and caliber.

St. Baldrick's Foundation funds children's cancer research, and was beneficiary of an autograph-signing session in August at Saratoga. Princess of Sylmar tee-shirts, posters and hats were autographed by Todd Pletcher and Princess' regular rider, Javier Castellano.

"I have always thought Princess of Sylmar is a blessing and gift to be shared," said Ed Stanco. "St. Baldrick's Foundation is a true miracle and I am appreciative that the Princess is able to contribute to the race for a cure for childhood cancer."

King of Prussia Stables intends to donate a percentage of Princess of Sylmar's sale price to the Foundation.

Stanco, who is CEO of the New Jersey-based reinsurance company Toa Re America, was happy with her purchase by Shadai, since his company is a subsidiary of Japan's Toa Tokyo.

"My business takes me to Japan twice a year," he said. "I said before the sale that I'd bring her carrots wherever she goes, and I know that if she is out in a paddock, she'll still run to me and stick her nose in my pocket."

How the PA Breeding Fund Works

OVERVIEW OF AWARDS AND BONUSES FOR REGISTERED PA-BREDS

- \$ Award of 30% of purse earned to Breeder for PA-sired horses (first through third)
- \$ Award of 20% of purse earned to Breeder for non PA-sired horses (first through third)
- \$ Award of 10% of purse earned to Stallion Owner (first through third)
- \$ Award of 10% of purse earned to winning Owner on selected open races
- \$ Bonus of up to 40% of purse earned to Owner on overnight races (first through third)
- \$ Bonus of 25% of purse earned to Owner for PA-sired horses in PA-Bred stakes races (first through third)

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Whether you are currently a breeder or an owner, or if you are just considering getting involved in this exciting industry, there are many reasons to join the PHBA. The PHBA is devoted to those involved in Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred breeding industry. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1948, we provide a number of services to members, including informational assistance, educational opportunities and a variety of social events.

The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, race tracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2014 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.

Dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change. Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., May 3	\$75,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Officer Alex, 2nd-Zipped Code, 3rd-Rustler Hustler
	\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Where's Rosie B, 2nd-Villette, 3rd-Zippity Goomba
Fri., May 30	\$75,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Penn	1st-Lenape Rim, 2nd-Ferry Music, 3rd-Nellie Cashman
Sat., June 14	\$50,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Bump Start, 2nd-Johnny Jump Up, 3rd-Change of Seasons
	\$50,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Raging Smoke, 2nd-Queen to Be, 3rd-Pixie Dust
Sun., July 13,	\$75,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Pitch N Roll
	\$75,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Star Pearl, 2nd-Cat's Holiday, 3rd-Angel Terrace
Sat., July 26,	\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser H , 3YO, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Parx	1st-Beyond Smart, 2nd-Athelstane, 3rd-Starry Moon
	\$75,000 Power by Far H , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Miss d'Oro, 2nd-Rockinonthewater, 3rd-Previous Honor
Sun., Aug. 10,	\$75,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 1/16 mi.
PID	1st-Dame Dorothy, 2nd-Bound, 3rd-Je Suis Enchantee
Sat., Aug. 23,	\$75,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Penn	1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Van Persie, 3rd-Starry Moon
Sat., Sept. 6	\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	1st-Rustler Hustler, 2nd-Res Judicata, 3rd-Officer Alex
	\$75,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi.
	1st-Traffic Light, 2nd-Keepmeinstitches, 3rd-Sailor's Revenge
	\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Merry's Honor, 2nd-Oklahoma Crude, 3rd-Atlantic Seaboard
	\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Aunt Ellipsis, 2nd-Pixie Dust, 3rd-Disco Chick
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
	1st-Appealing Cat, 2nd-Lenape Rim, 3rd-Previous Honor
Sun., Sept. 7,	\$75,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Duff, 2nd-Adventurous Fox, 3rd-I Say I Will
Sat., Sept. 20,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Parx	1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Page McKenney
Thur., Sept. 25,	\$75,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Happy to Go, 2nd-Chilly Start, 3rd-Brennan
Sat., Oct. 11	\$75,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi.
Parx	1st-Bound, 2nd-Primo Via, 3rd-Maybe Tonight
Wed., Nov. 26,	\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 6,	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.
Parx	

PA Day At Races

Total: \$1,675,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Michael W. Jester	156,169	119,272	0	275,440	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	88,952	0	0	88,952
George Strawbridge Jr.	189,756	37,751	0	227,507	Equivine Farm Inc.	82,781	0	0	82,781
William J. Solomon VMD	57,431	121,419	0	178,849	Bettina L. Jenney	78,530	0	0	78,530
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	2,594	160,143	0	162,737	Jon A. Marshall	69,930	0	0	69,930
Xanthus Farms Inc.	127,625	4,388	0	132,013	Triton Farms LLC	55,824	9,606	0	65,430
Charles A. Cuprill	95,879	30,370	0	126,248	Judith M. Barrett	32,263	30,679	0	62,942
Thomas G. McClay	116,228	0	0	116,228	St. Omer's Farm	62,575	0	0	62,575
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	67,654	44,446	0	112,100	Joseph Imbesi	61,046	0	0	61,046
Sylmar Farm Inc.	106,186	0	0	106,186	Flint W. Stites	39,670	19,983	0	59,652
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	102,489	0	0	102,489	Sienna Farms LLC	58,880	0	0	58,880
Pewter Stable	67,551	33,295	0	100,846	Jump Start Syndicate Manager LLC	0	58,857	0	58,857
Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	98,997	0	0	98,997	Ashwell Stables Inc.	54,568	0	0	54,568
The Elkstone Group LLC	92,851	0	0	92,851	William E. Riddle Jr.	54,348	0	0	54,348

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner/Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner/Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	215	81,888	Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	70	28,556
Jump Start	Jump Start Syndicate Manager LLC	125	78,631	Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	61	26,053
Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	152	55,029	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	59	25,314
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	127	52,025	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	95	24,243
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	123	44,446	Siphon (Brz)	William J. Solomon VMD	85	23,060
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Managem't LLC	175	44,333	Barbican	Tea Party Stable Inc.	71	21,829
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	120	37,751	Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	87	20,636
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	146	33,449	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	87	20,043
Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	96	33,295	Aisle	Flint W. Stites	87	19,983
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	65	33,168	Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	51	18,096
More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	82	31,079	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	111	18,085
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	136	30,679	Eavesdropper	Walmac Farm LLC	6	16,080

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Page McKenney *	Eavesdropper - Winning Grace	James E. Bryant	6	0	56,000	48,240	16,080	0	13,600	133,920
Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron - Our Nancy Lee	The Elkstone Group LLC	3	0	109,500	21,000	0	0	0	130,500
Where's Rosie B *	Real Quiet - Lucky Nita	Michael W. Jester	6	0	45,000	44,740	14,913	0	20,024	124,678
Lenape Rim *	Rimrod - Mai Debeau	Margaret H. Brigham	4	0	65,000	32,295	10,765	0	0	108,060
Raging Smoke *	More Smoke - Marquee Kelly	Thomas G. McClay	4	0	30,000	31,194	10,398	0	11,980	83,572
Aunt Ellipsis	Successful Appeal - Aunt Dot Dot	Truxton Stables	6	0	45,000	27,349	0	4,500	4,956	81,805
Favorite Tale	Tale of the Cat - Tricky Elaine	Paul E. Conaway Jr.	3	0	0	47,880	0	18,000	10,800	76,680
Appealing Cat	Successful Appeal - Dynamic Cat	George Strawbridge Jr.	3	0	64,500	12,000	0	0	0	76,500
Merry's Honor *	Congressionalhonor - Merry Princess	Pewter Stable	2	0	45,000	20,739	6,913	0	3,680	76,332
Primo Via	Candy Ride (Arg) - Breezy Street	Cedar Meadow Inc.	13	0	0	39,394	0	0	34,220	73,614
Rustler Hustler	Ecton Park - Cozy Temper	Mark H. Stanley	6	0	53,250	15,576	0	0	3,760	72,586
Star Pearl	Tapit - Lexi Star	Stephen E Quick	3	0	45,000	16,772	0	0	6,660	68,432
Duff	Candy Ride (Arg) - To the Brim	Two Sisters' Farm Inc.	3	0	45,000	15,344	0	0	7,320	67,664
Monkey's Medal *	Medallist - My Little Monkey	Thomas L. Teal	6	0	0	31,814	10,605	0	23,252	65,670
Fat Kat *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	0	0	32,946	10,982	0	21,120	65,048
Zipped Code	City Zip - Control Premium	Jon A. Marshall	12	0	15,000	25,406	0	0	24,472	64,878
Officer Alex	Officer - Ms. C D Player	The Elkstone Group LLC	3	0	53,250	10,650	0	0	0	63,900
Oklahoma Crude	Harlan's Holiday - Christmas Strike	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	6	18,000	15,000	18,094	0	0	12,692	63,786
Disco Chick *	Jump Start - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	6	0	8,250	33,394	11,131	0	10,800	63,575
Chilly Start *	Jump Start - Holiday Chills	Horseshoe Valley Equine Ctr. LLC	3	17,400	15,000	17,865	5,955	0	5,400	61,620

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