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- **Early registration:**  
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- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
April 30 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile report:**  
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## Barlar LLC: Fate jump starts career

By Emily Shields

Larry Karp always liked horses and betting on the races, but that didn't mean he was planning on buying a horse out of a 2-year-old in training sale at Sportsman's Park on Mother's Day 1985. His unplanned purchase surprised him more than it surprised his wife, who knew immediately upon seeing his face that Karp had "accidentally" added to their expenses.

"I'd just gone down to observe with no intention of buying a horse," Karp recalled. "I was just standing around and made eye contact with a man standing nearby. He already owned horses and was waiting to buy some for his partners. He asked me if I wanted to meet his trainer. I said, 'Why not?'"

Owner Tom Teel introduced Karp to a "scruffy-looking" man moments later. The trainer was Joe Kasperski, and by the end of the sale, Karp had gone to \$6,500 to acquire a filly named Bertie Royal.

"To add insult to the whole thing, I got so carried up that I outbid myself twice," Karp said. "From that day on Kasperski and I stayed together, almost 28 years, but at the time I didn't even know what a trainer's day rate was."

Shortly thereafter, Kasperski convinced Karp that the filly needed to be turned out, and he learned the tough lesson that horses aren't always ready to race on their owner's timetable. After an exceptional day betting on races at Arlington Park, Karp told Kasperski to claim a race-ready horse for him and expected to own a new athlete within a day. It took Kasperski a month to find the right horse

and Karp learned yet another lesson about the game.

As he learned, Karp added horses to his stable with gusto. "At one point I had 42 horses in training," he said. "That was more than I could really handle." He raced chiefly in Illinois, tried his hand in California, and eventually settled in Pennsylvania, where the excellent breeding program beckoned.

"Things were growing so quickly in Pennsylvania that Kasperski and I packed up our whole operation and moved there," Karp said. "At that point I was mostly into racing rather than breeding but fate has a big hand in life."

Karp was hunting for Pennsylvania-breds to race at a Timonium sale in 2009 when he came across Tarry Bratton and Carl McEntee, respectively the owner and general manager of Ghost Ridge Farm. They were about to announce that they had purchased the breeding rights to Jump Start, a royally-bred young stallion who stood at Overbrook Farm in Kentucky and would be moving to Pennsylvania for the following season.

"The next day I told Tarry I would take two shares," Karp said. "That was the beginning of my relationship with the breeding side of the business."

Jump Start, by A.P. Indy out of the multiple stakes-placed Storm Cat mare Steady Cat, started his career in flashy fashion, winning a maiden event at Churchill Downs in his debut. He followed that effort with a victory in the Saratoga Special-G2, and two starts later

was second in the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes. Injury led to his retirement after the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1, but at his new home in Pennsylvania, Jump Start flourished.

From 10 crops to race, Jump Start has produced 47 stakes winners and 471 winners overall. More than two-thirds of his starters are winners and his total progeny earnings are approaching \$43 million, for average earnings of \$61,673 per starter. He is the sire of three millionaires, led by Prayer for Relief, an earner of \$1,985,000 who is currently in Dubai with trainer Mike De Kock.

"He's an incredible stallion," Karp said of Jump Start. "My daughter and I expanded from just two shares to six and a half, that's how much we believe in him as a stallion. I support him with my mares. What he's done with the mares he gets is remarkable." Jump Start was the top ranked stallion in the region last year.

A year after investing in Jump Start, Karp approached Bratton and McEntee about buying another stallion, E Dubai. The Ghost Ridge team had already been considering purchasing E Dubai, but decided the timing wasn't right. That meant McEntee was free to represent Karp in the sale under Karp's stable banner, Barlar LLC. When Karp bought E Dubai, it was like bringing home a family member.

Karp raced E Dubai's dam, Words of War, through a tremendous career in the early to mid 1990s. The Lord At War (Arg) daughter won nine of 44 starts with 10 seconds and seven thirds for earnings of \$683,832. For Karp's \$28,000 investment in the 1990 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Words of War brought \$440,000 while in foal to Nureyev following her racing career. The resulting Nureyev daughter, No Matter What, was a Grade 1 winner and eventual champion producer, and Words of War's second foal, E Dubai,

earned \$920,800. The next time Words of War went through the sales ring she sold for \$1,950,000.

With his earnings and five wins in 11 starts, E Dubai seemed a perfect fit for the Pennsylvania breeding program. After his move to the region, he was represented by 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Fort Larned, but after being shuffled from Kentucky, to Pennsylvania, to Maryland and then Louisiana, E Dubai has found a permanent home in South America.

Karp is trying to consolidate his Thoroughbred investments and along with daughter Stephanie owns just five mares. "I will continue to stick with that number," Karp said, "but I'll breed in Pennsylvania for as long as I can."

Barlar LLC still has 11 horses on the racetrack, including the multiple stakes-winning Jump Start filly Bound. The homebred runs under the tutelage of trainer Bernie Houghton, who took over Karp's string when Kasperski retired three years ago. Bound has won seven of 19 starts for earnings of \$339,374, with victories in the Plum Pretty Stakes at Parx in both 2014 and 2015. "I had planned to sell her this [past] year in the November sale but I had a premonition that I should keep racing her," Karp said. "I'll race her in 2016 and if she should add a couple graded stakes placings or wins, I'll take her to Kentucky to find out what she's worth. Otherwise I could add her to my broodmare band and be perfectly happy."

The 73-year-old Karp had some advice for owners interested in getting in the game. "I've bought maybe a dozen horses that I paid six figures. Not a one of them has ended up worth anywhere close to what I paid. All of my success has been with horses I paid just a modest amount for or that I bred myself. So I just don't buy expensive horses anymore. Between the stallion awards and the breeder awards, you have the opportunity to make a profit in this state."

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Proposed 2016 schedule—dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.  
Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 30 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Lyman H</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., May 28 Penn	<b>\$100,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., June 11 Penn	<b>\$100,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 10, PID	<b>\$100,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	<b>\$100,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 23, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sat., Aug. 6, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 7, PID	<b>\$100,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 3 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up 6 fur.
<b>PA Day At Races</b>	<b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	<b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	Sun., Sept. 4, PID
Sun., Sept. 18, PID	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 24, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 8 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 23, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 3, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,200,000



# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	759	352,465	0	353,224	Sylmar Farm Inc.	123,987	0	0	123,987
Michael W. Jester	148,043	117,824	0	265,867	Patricia L. Chapman	39,409	66,989	0	106,398
William J. Solomon VMD	88,094	132,498	0	220,592	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	105,990	0	0	105,990
Pewter Stable	169,240	42,833	0	212,072	Ashwell Stables Inc.	102,323	0	0	102,323
Barlar LLC	152,159	54,053	0	206,212	Kenneth L. Ramsey	30,368	66,965	0	97,333
Thomas G. McClay	197,949	0	0	197,949	Estate of Joseph W. Holman Jr.	94,192	0	0	94,192
Xanthus Farms Inc.	178,255	11,788	0	190,043	Godstone Farm LP	82,454	4,839	0	87,293
The Elkstone Group LLC	156,781	0	10,500	167,281	Golden Oak Farm LLC	85,428	0	0	85,428
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	109,807	57,267	0	167,074	Charles C.D. McGill	83,370	0	0	83,370
George Strawbridge Jr.	140,960	25,924	0	166,884	Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.	70,500	0	9,000	79,500
Charles A. Cuprill	125,148	40,888	0	166,036	Gayle B. Gerth Trust	78,571	0	0	78,571
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	152,944	0	0	152,944	Richard Molineaux	76,559	0	0	76,559

## 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
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	333	167,893	Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	51	31,405
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	289	93,963	Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	118	31,174
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	167	75,037	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	102	30,891
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	115	66,989	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangliullo	118	29,981
Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	126	66,739	Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	77	29,049
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	245	62,006	Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	136	28,237
Weigelia	WynOaks Farm LLC	134	57,267	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc.	67	26,803
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	112	54,053	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	143	26,106
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	188	51,966	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	115	25,924
Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	105	42,833	Trust N Luck	Michael W. Jester	96	24,644
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	137	39,642	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	77	23,778
Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	115	32,082	City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	169	23,475

## 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
R Frosty One *	Southern Success - I'm the Mary	Gayle B. Gerth Trust	9	0	105,000	68,416	22,805	0	14,360	210,581
Discreet Seniorita	Discreet Cat - Senorita Louisa	Dun Roamin Farm Inc.	10	0	60,000	58,624	0	0	50,320	168,944
Bound *	Jump Start - China Sky	Barlar LLC	6	0	82,500	48,956	16,319	0	12,960	160,734
Page McKenney *	Eavesdropper - Winning Grace	James E. Bryant	3	0	65,000	41,415	13,805	5,680	0	125,900
Kiss The Daddy	Scat Daddy - Kiss the Breeze	The Elkstone Group LLC	13	0	45,000	35,138	0	0	32,940	113,078
Pink Princess *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	WynOaks Farm LLC	10	0	0	54,059	18,020	0	38,453	110,532
Uncle Dave	Langfuhr - Party Queen	Nelson E. Clemmens	6	0	60,000	31,640	0	0	18,400	110,040
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	4	0	60,000	31,380	10,460	0	0	101,840
Balk	Street Boss - Countingoncarolynn	The Elkstone Group LLC	7	21,600	45,000	27,703	0	6,000	0	100,303
Imply *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	4	0	49,500	29,457	9,819	0	10,080	98,856
Bird of Trey	Birdstone - Take Me Home Too	JRita Young Thoroughbreds LLC	5	0	60,000	29,350	0	0	5,928	95,278
Grasshoppin *	Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami	Michael W. Jester	10	0	17,750	41,142	13,714	0	21,840	94,446
This Ain't No Bull	Holy Bull - Disco Darlin'	Classic Thoroughbred XVIII LLC	4	0	60,000	21,840	0	0	12,200	94,040
Amplified *	Smarty Jones - Queens Point	Thomas G. McClay	3	0	45,000	27,963	9,321	0	10,560	92,844
Roxbury N Overton *	Andiron - Centennial Cat	Jettany Thoroughbred Corp	11	0	2,250	45,396	15,132	0	27,920	90,698
Duff	Candy Ride (Arg) - To the Brim	Two Sisters' Farm Inc.	5	0	75,000	13,650	0	0	0	88,650
Morning Fire	Friesan Fire - Four Star Morning	Cynthia J. Darragh-Hipple	6	0	35,000	26,918	0	0	24,168	86,086
Capar Girl	Munnings - Bumble Bee Mama	Lindsay C.F. Scott	6	0	56,000	21,663	0	0	5,389	83,051
Andrew L *	Wheaton - Zuley	Robert A. Szezyller	12	0	0	37,386	12,462	0	32,870	82,718
Red Razzo *	Toccet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	12	0	0	43,418	14,473	0	22,200	80,090
Shaunna Alexandra	Go for Gin - Carolina Girl	Martin M. Carmichael	10	0	0	38,542	0	0	39,792	78,334
A Fleet Attitude	Afleet Alex - Lucky Lefty	Timothy F. Ritchey	3	0	48,000	16,896	0	0	11,280	76,176