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## Crowd Pleaser

Described by his breeder George Strawbridge as “about the best looking horse I’ve ever owned” Crowd Pleaser proved to be a crowd pleaser, especially on the turf.

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## Making the Grade

Illuminant and Tom’s Ready got their first stakes wins—both graded—on big stages on opposite coasts, with wins in Santa Anita’s Grade 1 Gamely and Belmont’s Grade 2 Woody Stephens, respectively.

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# El Padrino: A Pennsylvania Rarity

By Emily Shields

Rugged and robust, with a sound mind and mouth-watering pedigree, El Padrino offers a complete package for Pennsylvania breeders. He is also unique in that he is not a transplant from another state; rather, El Padrino was retired to Pennsylvania with the intent of making him a sought-after regional sire, one that even Kentucky breeders would be interested in using.

Bloodstock agent Carl McEntee, who was working for Northview Stallion Station but has since moved to Darby Dan Farm in Lexington, Ky., is credited with facilitating the sale. Like many agents, McEntee followed the sophomore crop of 2012 with interest, and the stunning El Padrino caught his eye. "I went and took a look at him, and saw he was a beautiful individual," McEntee recalled, "with a really good shoulder and top line. We had already brought in stallions that had previously been in Kentucky, but we wanted to go out and make our own stallion."

El Padrino was Grade 2-placed as a juvenile and a Grade 2 winner of the \$300,000 Risen Star Stakes at 3. Although he did not run well in the Kentucky Derby-G1, El Padrino's race record was simply gravy on top of his outstanding pedigree.

The son of Pulpit, who is famously the sire of leading stallion Tapit, is out of Enchanted Rock. The Giant's Causeway mare is a daughter of Grade 1-winner Chic Shirine, making her a half-sister to Grade 2-winners Waldoboro and Tara Roma. The latter produced Grade 1-winner Serra Lake and multiple stakes winner Cappuchino. Another Chic Shirine daughter, Chic Corine, produced Grade 1 heroine Somali Lemonade, an exceptional force in the turf division from 2011 through 2014.

With such an active pedigree, Enchanted Rock figured as a live broodmare prospect. El Padrino was her first foal, with the More Than Ready colt Verrazano coming one year later. Verrazano earned his way into the Kentucky Derby with wins in the Wood Memorial Stakes-G1 and Tampa Bay Derby-G2, and rebounded from a Derby loss with a stellar nine and three-quarter-length thrashing of the \$1 million Haskell Invitational-G1.

"It's unlikely for a mare's first two foals to both run in the Derby," McEntee said. "El Padrino was a horse we'd been following a bit, and after Verrazano won the Wood and showed he was a good racehorse himself, I was contacted about my interest."

Northview Stallion Station's Richard Golden and breeder Hank Nothhaft purchased 75% of El Padrino, with the other 25% being retained by owners Let's Go Stable. They later sold their share to Golden, and 25% of the horse went up for public sale. Ten other breeders split that percentage at 2.5% each. "I genuinely believed he would work out," McEntee said. "With the support of Mr. Golden and Mr. Nothhaft, we were able to bring him in."

Hank Nothhaft noted that bringing in an unproven sire was a risk, especially when the group decided not to shuttle him. "It was the first time in recent years that a rookie stallion had moved in without first standing and producing somewhere else," he said. "Part of our risk was not to ship him to the Southern Hemisphere. We could have shuttled him and de-risked our investment, but decided not to because we're very serious about the best interest of the horse. As long as things remain the way they are, we have no plans to move him."

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El Padrino rapidly took the risk out of their investment on his own accord. "He got 89 mares in his first book," Nothhaft said. "When the foals were being born, they were just so phenomenally stunning and beautiful and robust that his first crop got a buzz going. That year he had 112 mares, and this year he is approaching 100 again."

Nothhaft is convinced that El Padrino's foals are well-liked by their breeders, as not a single one has been up for public auction yet. The first will be Mike Palmer's chestnut El Padrino filly in the Fasig Tipton July Sale in Kentucky. "The filly I have is a big, strong, correct filly," Palmer said. "If we weren't commercial breeders, we would be racing her. She would be one I would not mind paying the training bills on." The filly is out of the stake-winning Time for a Change mare Time to Dream. Another of her foals, Five Star Dream, is a stakes winner, while Time to Dream is a half-sister to stakes winner Five Star Deputy.

Palmer was sold on El Padrino the first time he saw him. "I think my jaw dropped," Palmer joked. "I had no idea why he was in Pennsylvania, because my first thought was that he should be filling up a stallion stall in Kentucky. And he's stamping his horses as you'd want a good sire to stamp them; my filly is a big-walking, forward, classy filly, mellow and laid-back like her sire. I could just see the class in him."

"There is absolutely a buzz on them, even as far as Kentucky," Nothhaft said. "If they run half as good as they look, we're going to have something."

As for El Padrino himself, the white-faced chestnut is enjoying life at Northview PA and stands for \$5,000. Northview's current bloodstock manager Paul O'Loughlin said, "The attributes we've seen already in his yearlings are encouraging. El Padrino is a good breeder, is well behaved, and is easy to manage. He does his job well, really, he's just been an all-around good horse so far." \* \*



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In the beginning of May, we mailed out a letter to all PHBA members explaining the current hold on Breeding Fund disbursements. If you never received your letter or you are unaware of the current situation, breeder awards are on hold due to a wording change in the legislation. We are currently in the process of changing the legislation back to the way it was so that breeder awards can resume.

The Senate has voted 49-0 to approve these changes and it is has now gone over to the House of Representatives. We will work with the House and the Department of Agriculture to expedite this process so that it can be signed by the Governor as soon as possible.

We understand how important the awards are to our breeders and we are committed to doing whatever is necessary to hasten the process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 610.444.1050. It is our hope that this will be resolved in the coming weeks.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

/Brian Sanfratello

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# PA-Bred Graded Stakes Winners: Illuminant and Tom's Ready

Two PA-Breds got their first stakes wins on big stages, as Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' Illuminant (below) galloped off to victory in the Grade 1 Gamely Stakes over the Memorial Day weekend, and G M B Racing's Tom's Ready (right) turned an eventful trip into a dazzling come-from-behind score in the Grade 2 Woody Stephens Stakes on the Belmont Stakes undercard.

A 4-year-old filly by Quality Road, Illuminant was making her first start at the mile and an eighth distance over the Santa Anita turf on May 30. The 5-1 second choice in a field of eight fillies and mares, Illuminant rated off a slow pace, took charge in the stretch and won by a length over Wekeela (Fr). Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners noted the filly "is high maintenance," but in 11 starts, the Michael McCarthy trainee has won four times and was also second in Keeneland's Jenny Wiley Stakes-G1. With her share of the \$300,000 Gamely purse, she has earned \$367,650.



Foaled at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, Illuminant is out of stakes-winning Sparkling Number (by Polish Numbers). She is the first Grade 1 winner bred by Richard Golden.

Tom's Ready boosted his earnings to \$577,220 from 11 starts with an energetic run in the \$500,000 Woody Stephens for 3-year-old sprinters on June 11. The More Than Ready colt was bred by Blackstone Farm and sold as a yearling for \$145,000 at Saratoga. Trainer Dallas Stewart took blinkers

off for the first time since last fall, and the colt had full view of the field in front of him as he trailed early. Weaving in and out of the other 11 runners, the colt charged down the stretch to score by a length and a quarter in 1:21.38 for seven furlongs.

Out of Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush, and a full brother to stakes-placed Consulado, Tom's Ready has two wins, and four four second place finishes, three in stakes company, including the Louisiana Derby-G2 and LeComte Stakes-G3. \*







# Snapshots from PHBA's 37th Annual Iroquois Awards Banquet



Back at the "Sweetest Place on Earth"! The 2016 Iroquois Awards Banquet was once again held at The Hotel Hershey on June 24.



Bobby Goodyear and Jodi Rowland (representing The Elkstone Group LLC.)



The Hotel Hershey's opulent Fountain Lobby served as the perfect backdrop for cocktail hour.



This year, over 44 PA-Breds earned an Iroquois Award for their stakes win. Breeders took home beautifully engraved decanters to serve as their award.



Diane and Stu Kirshenbaum and Jerry and Maria Kolybabiuk.



Charles Zacney, owner of champion Afleet Alex and 2016 Longines Kentucky Oaks G1 champion Cathryn Sophia, was the guest speaker for the evening.



(From left to right) Amanda Eichfeld and Darlene and Ed Coletti.



Brian Sanfratello presents the Thoroughbred Charities of America Award of Merit to Lauren Zagnit (New Start for Horses).



Board of Director Deanna Manfredi presents the Older Male & Male Sprinter Champion Award to Paul Conaway for Favorite Tale.



Charles Zacney (left) accepts a token of appreciation from PHBA's Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello.



Kevin Kyle (left) presents the PA-Bred Horse of the Year Champion Award to Dr. James Bryant for Page McKenny.

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# Pennsylvania News Briefs

## ROXBURY N OVERTON ANDIRON'S FIRST BLACK-TYPE WINNER

Tea Party Stable Inc.'s Andiron, a 10-year-old son of A.P. Indy standing at Xanthus Farms in Gettysburg, got his first black-type winner when Roxbury N Overton won the \$100,000 Lyman Stakes by daylight at PARX Racing on June 4. Sent off as the lukewarm 2.30-1 favorite in the field of six PA-Bred older horses, Roxbury N Overton recorded his fourth victory in a row with the Lyman score. In his next start, the 4-year-old finished second in the Donald LeVine Memorial Stakes on June 18, running his record to six first or second-place finishes in a row. From 21 starts, he now has earnings of \$369,234.



Roxbury N Overton is a member of Andiron's first Pennsylvania-sired crop. Andiron had launched his stud career in South Dakota the year before moving to Xanthus, and his first winner, and first stakes winner, is from that small crop of four current 5-year-olds. The South Dakota-bred gelding A Hi Five made his mark as Andiron's first winner, taking a maiden special weight at Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg, Canada in September 2013. This past May 21 at Brown County Fair, the *Daily Racing Form* published the gelding's victory in the TB Governor's Feature Stakes.

Andiron, a half-brother to millionaire and graded stakes-winning sire The Cliff's Edge, was purchased by Walter Downey's Tea Party Stable to stand in Pennsylvania. He is one of six winners for Zigember, a daughter of Danzig and California Oaks winner Red Ember. The family includes Grade 1 winner Comedy Act (\$498,687) as well as Alabama Stakes-G1 winner Spout and additional graded winners Tizaqueena (\$654,698), King's Nest (\$513,024), Mister S. M. (\$400,098), Rezif, Hull and Ziggy's Act, Japanese millionaires Keeneland Swan and Gaily Tomahawk, \$505,591-earner and Grade 1-placed Barcola and Breeders' Cup Marathon winner Muhannak (Ire).

Andiron stood the 2016 season for \$2,000, with special consideration to approved mares, and a reduced fee for Pennsylvania-bred foals. \*



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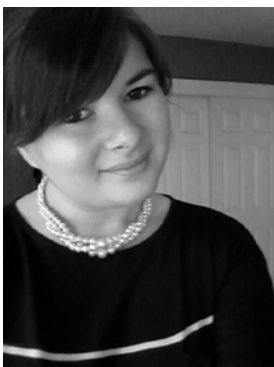
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## BANJO PICKER INDUCTED INTO PARX HALL OF FAME

The marvelous PA-Bred sprinter Banjo Picker has been selected for induction into the PARX Hall of Fame. The graded stakes-winning gelding, bred by Elizabeth R. Houghton, owned by Danny A. Limongelli and trained by Steven Krebs earned \$648,865 during a career in which he won 16 of 52 starts, six stakes, and finished second or third in seven other stakes. His most important score came in Aqueduct's Grade 3 Gravesend Handicap, which he won in a three-way photo. He also won the Devil's Honor Handicap twice, as well as the Lyman Sprint Championship, Le Grande Pos and Power by Far Handicaps, all at Philadelphia Park. Foaled in 2000, the son of Swear by Dixie out of Sean's Gold, by U. S. Flag, raced through age 9, making 43 starts at Philadelphia Park, including his final one in November 2009. \*

## PHBA WELCOMES DEVON SMITH TO STAFF

Devon Smith, a recent Summa Cum Laude graduate of Delaware Valley University with a B.A. in Media and Communications, has joined the staff at the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. Smith's official title is Graphic Designer, but she is capable of so much more after her previous experience as communications coordinator for the Travis Manion Foundation, an office manager for Lynda Berry Photography, and a marketing intern at the James A. Michener Art Museum.



Smith will be out and about promoting Pennsylvania horses and breeders, while actively posting on social media, including Facebook and Twitter, maintaining and updating the PHBA website, photographing PHBA events (her photos from the awards banquet are featured in this issue), and designing PHBA marketing materials such as advertisements, brochures, and magazines. \*



## PHBA Dates to Remember

### Reminders for Breeders

**Broodmare Domicile Report:** November 1st and 14 days after a sale.

**Yearling Registration:** Dec. 31st of the yearling year

**Early Registration:** Within 365 days of foaling

**Stallion Registration for next breeding season:**

April 30th of year breeding (late registration will be accepted by Dec. 31st for an additional fee)



# Pennsylvania News Briefs

## PA-BRED YEARLINGS AT FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY SALE

Eight PA-Breds have been catalogued to the first major yearling sale of the year, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's July sale, which will be held July 12 in Lexington. In addition, first-year Pennsylvania sire El Padrino will be represented by his first sales yearling. The following is a list of the PA-Breds offered with breeder and consignor:

- Hip 48 - Bay colt, 2/21/15, Graydar—Softly Lit, by Latent Heat; Blackstone Farm LLC; Marshall W. Silverman Agent. *From first crop of Grade 1 winner. Second foal out of stakes-winning juvenile. Third dam graded winner Palliser Bay.*
- Hip 116 - Dark bay or brown colt, 4/14/15, Overanalyze—Alexandria Wa, by Bluegrass Cat; Blackstone Farm LLC; Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent XLVII. *First foal out of a full sister to five-time stakes winner Blue Dancer. Third dam four-time graded winner Top Secret.*
- Hip 158 - Bay colt, 2/5/15, Oxbow—Buck Trout's Niece, by Waquoit; Blackstone Farm LLC; Warrendale Sales Agent I. *From first crop of classic winner out of stakes-placed mare from the family of PA-Bred graded winners Buck Trout and Private Buck Trout.*
- Hip 195 - Dark bay or brown colt, 2/4/15, Jimmy Creed—Dis-closed Desire, by Forestry; Blackstone Farm LLC; Marshall

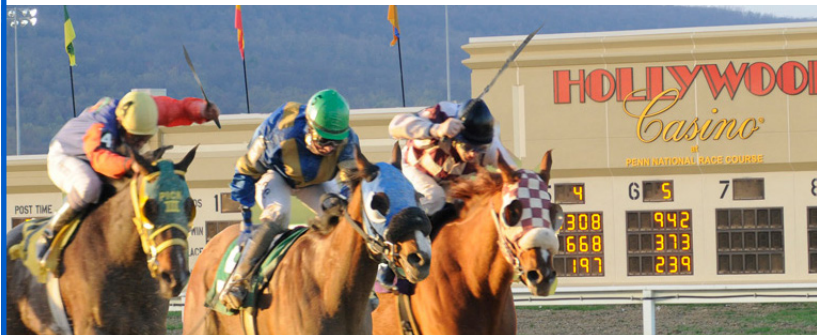
W. Silverman Agent. *From first crop of Grade 1 winner. Family of champions Epitome and Green Forest and graded winners Essence of Dubai, Land Over Sea and Shared Property.*

- Hip 215 - Bay filly, 3/17/15, Liaison—Fleet Special, by Afleet Alex; Blackstone Farm LLC; Scott Mallory Agent I. *From first crop of Grade 1-winning juvenile. Family of graded/group winners Hay Let's Dance, Dance Daily and Muy Portena.*
- Hip 239 - Bay colt, 2/24/15, Graydar—Hey Carmen, by More Than Ready; Blackstone Farm LLC; Darby Dan Farm Agent. *From first crop of Grade 1 winner. Third dam graded winner and \$576,698-earner Guiza.*
- Hip 298 - Dark bay or brown filly, 4/24/15, Violence—Make Time, by Empire Maker; C Biscuit Racing, Island Peak Stables, Squire Thoroughbreds, et al; Machmer Hall, Select Sales Agent. *From first crop of Grade 1-winning juvenile. Third dam Group 1 winner Verruma (Brz).*
- Hip 328 - Bay colt, 2/21/15, Sidney's Candy—Patty's Pride, by Special Rate; Brian C. Schartz; Susan M. Forrester Agent XI. *First foal out of multiple stakes winner from family of Grade 1 winner K One King and track record setter World Appeal. \**



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# PA-Bred Stakes Recaps at PARX and Penn National



The 2016 PA-Bred stakes schedule has a total of 22 stakes, each worth \$100,000, for a total distribution of \$2.2 million.

Go to the Pennsylvania tracks' websites for the stakes books and to nominate.

## Lyman Stakes

Seeking his fourth win in a row, Roxbury N Overton got the job done with a solid score in the Lyman Stakes on June 4. It was the first stakes win for the 4-year-old dark bay, bred and owned by J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. He also became the first stakes winner for his sire Andiron, who stands at Xanthus Farms in Gettysburg.

Trained by Ramon Preciado, Roxbury N Overton concluded his busy 3-year-old season with a victory in allowance company at PARX on Nov. 27. This year he picked up where he left off, taking two allowances at PARX, one in April and one in May, before heading into the Lyman. Sent off as the favorite in the field of six, he chased He's Got Talent early and took over in the stretch to win by two lengths. His final time for the seven furlongs was a snappy 1:22.88. In his next start, PARX's Donald LeVine Memorial on June 18, he finished second.

Roxbury N Overton has a record of 21-7-6-0 and earnings of \$369,234, and is the third winner from as many foals for his dam Centennial Cat, a daughter of Tale of the Cat who earned \$128,981 and concluded her career for Steve Perry, one of the partners in J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.

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

**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., May 28, Penn **\$100,000 Lyphard S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf  
1st-Devilwentogeorgia, 2nd-Rock Me Again, 3rd-Devilish Love

Sat., June 4, PARX **\$100,000 Lyman S**, 3 & up, 7 fur.  
1st-Roxbury N Overton, 2nd-He's Got Talent, 3rd-Bump Start

**\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.  
1st-Disco Chick, 2nd-Rockin Jojo, 3rd-Ignite

Sat., June 11, Penn **\$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur.  
1st-Rolin With Olin, 2nd-Jaguar Poz, 3rd-Bird of Trey

**\$100,000 New Start S**, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.  
1st-Behrnik's Bank, 2nd-Authoritative, 3rd-Its a Journey

Sun., July 10, PID **\$100,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi.

**\$100,000 Northern Fling S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.

Sat., July 23, PARX **\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf

**\$100,000 Power by Far S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf

Sat., Aug. 6, Penn **\$100,000 Robellino S**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf

Sun., Aug. 7, PID **\$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi.

## Pennsylvania's Day At the Races

Sat., Sept. 3, PARX **\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up 6 fur.

**\$100,000 Roanoke S**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi.

**\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H**, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf

**\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S**, 3 & up, F&M, 6 fur.

**\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf

Sun., Sept. 4, PID **\$100,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur.

Sun., Sept. 18, PID **\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.

Sat., Sept. 24, PARX **\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf

Sat., Oct. 8, PARX **\$100,000 Plum Pretty S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi.

Wed., Nov. 23, Penn **\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.

Sat., Dec. 3, PARX **\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,200,000

# PA-Bred Stakes Recaps at PARX and Penn National

## Foxy J. G. Stakes

Disco Chick made it three stakes wins in a row with her dominating victory in the Foxy J. G. Stakes on June 4. Racing for her breeder Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk's Freedom Acres Inc., the daughter of Northview PA stallion Jump Start went off the 1-5 choice and ran to her odds. Setting all the fractions, she zipped a quarter in :22.66, a half in :44.58, three-quarters in 1:09.58, and strolled home in 1:23.65 for the seven furlongs, geared down in the lane to win "handily" by six lengths.

Trained by Mario Serey Jr., the 5-year-old mare didn't get her first stakes win until this past May in PARX's My Juliet Stakes. At Pimlico on Black-Eyed Susan Day, she won the Skipat Stakes easily by eight lengths. Going back to mid September, she was first or second in all seven of her starts, including the Willa On the Move and Primonetta Stakes at Laurel. Racing exclusively in stakes or allowance competition her entire career, Disco Chick has nine wins from 28 starts, with eight seconds and three thirds, for earnings of \$529,300. She is the first foal for her dam Disco Flirt, a daughter of Disco Rico also bred by Kolybabiuk who earned \$128,678 during her career.

## Danzig Stakes

Another streak was kept alive when the 3-year-old gelding Rolin With Olin, making his stakes debut, captured the Danzig Stakes in frontrunning fashion, defeating eight rivals and winning by a length and three-quarters while completing six furlongs in 1:09.88. The Jamie Ness-trainee competes for Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. and Jagger Inc., who sent him out to win his debut in a PARX maiden special weight last September.

Rolin With Olin was risked for a tag earlier this year at Laurel and Pimlico, but after recording his first win of the year in that Pim-

lico start on May 14, he captured a starter allowance with ease at Delaware Park before going off as favorite in the Danzig. He upped his record to four wins from seven starts and \$131,519 in earnings.

Out of the Robyn Dancer mare Bye Bye Katie Pie, Rolin With Olin was purchased by Midwest Thoroughbreds for \$38,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale. The colt was bred by Glenn Brok, who stands Rolin With Olin's sire Talent Search at his Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville. Rolin With Olin is the second stakes winner for Talent Search, both from the handsome chestnut sprinter's third crop.

## New Start Stakes

Behrnik's Bank (below) is back! The filly who launched her career in sensational fashion last year at 2 got her first win of this year in the New Start Stakes, leading at every call and winning by a length as the 4-5 choice in the field of nine 3-year-old fillies. Peter Kazamias' homebred filly won for the third time in her five-start career, and pushed her earnings to \$155,980.

In her first two starts last year, Behrnik's Bank destroyed a November maiden special weight at Penn National by 18 1/2 lengths while negotiating six furlongs in 1:09.64. The daughter of Bank Heist duplicated the effort in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies three weeks later, cruising to the front through an opening quarter in :22.36, a half in :44.95 while on top by 10 lengths, then galloping home the easiest of winners by 13 lengths. It was a stunning upset when she was second, missing by a neck, in her last outing of the year, the New York Stallion Series Stakes at Aqueduct in December.

Trained by the Enrique Arroyo, Behrnik's Bank is the fourth winner from as many foals for the Chimes Band mare Behrnik, and her first stakes winner. ★





# Blasts From The Past

## CROWD PLEASER

1995, by A.P. Indy—Creaking Board (GB), by Night Shift. Bred by George Strawbridge Jr. Owned by Augustin Stable. Trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Described by his breeder George Strawbridge as “about the best looking horse I’ve ever owned” Crowd Pleaser proved to be a crowd pleaser, especially on the turf. The nearly 17-hand dark bay, almost black, colt won the inaugural \$250,000 Virginia Derby at Colonial Downs in course record time of 2:00.28, one of his three stakes wins that season at 3 which also saw him capture the Grade 3 Saranac Handicap at Saratoga and the \$200,000 Calder Derby.

The distance lover was a stakes winner at 2 in Philadelphia Park’s Valley Forge Stakes at a mile and a sixteenth, and again at 5 in Keeneland’s mile and five-eighths Sycamore Stakes, and retired with career earnings of \$605,150. He won nine times in 24 starts, and placed in three stakes, one when just missing by a head in the Kentucky Cup Turf Handicap in a course record-equalling performance.

Crowd Pleaser was one of the first good sons of A.P. Indy to enter stud when he retired to Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., in 2001. Out of the Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Creaking Board (GB), from the family of champion German sprinter Dyhim Diamond (Ire), Crowd Pleaser sired six crops, and the earners of more than \$5 million, before his untimely death at age 11, when he was found dead in his paddock in the summer of 2006. A total of 73 of his 101 starters were winners, including Strawbridge’s graded stakes-winning homebred Palmilla, winner of Delaware Park’s Robert G. Dick Memorial Breeders’ Cup Stakes-G3, as well as Saratoga stakes winner Cagey Girl and Maryland Million Turf Sprint winner Happy Surprise.

The first running of the Crowd Pleaser Stakes was held on the Pennsylvania’s Day at the Races card in September 2011 at PARX. The mile and a sixteenth turf test for 3-year-olds was won by Lucky Lewis. This year’s running of the Crowd Pleaser at PARX is scheduled for July 23. ★

Blasts From the Past takes a look back at PA-Breds of distinction throughout history.



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# Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses

## ILLUMINANT



f, 4, Quality Road - Sparkling Number  
Won - GAMELY S-G1, Santa Anita, \$300,000, 1 1/8MT, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5/30.

## TOM'S READY



c, 3, More Than Ready - Goodbye Stranger  
Won - WOODY STEPHENS S-G2, Belmont Park, \$500,000, 7F, 3YO, 6-11.

## BEHRNIK'S BANK

f, 3, Bank Heist - Behrnik  
Won - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, 6F, F, 6/11.



## DEVILWENTOGEORGIA

m, 5, Devil His Due - Stitzwolf  
Won - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 1 1/16MT, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5/28.

## DISCO CHICK



m, 5, Jump Start - Disco Flirt  
Won - FOXY J G S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6/4.

## ROLIN WITH OLIN

g, 3, Talent Search - Bye Bye Katie Pie  
Won - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO, 6/11.

## ROXBURY N OVERTON

c, 4, Andiron - Centennial Cat  
Won - LYMAN S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, 6/4.  
2nd - DONALD LEVINE MEMORIAL S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, 6-18.



# Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



## AL'S GAL

m, 5, English Channel - Dans La Ville (Chi)  
Won - KEERTANA S, \$50,000, 1 1/2MT, 3YO/UP, F/M, Keeneland, 5/28.

## DARK NILE

f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile - Royal Society  
Won - OUR MIMS S, Delaware Park, \$50,000, 1M 70Y, 3YO, F, 6/8.

## AUTHORITATIVE

f, 3, Pollard's Vision - Catsuit  
2nd - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO, F, 6/11.

## GRANNY'S KITTEN

c, 4, Kitten's Joy - Granny Franny.  
2nd - MYSTIC LAKE MILE S, Canterbury, \$100,000, 1MT, 3YO/UP, 6/19.

## HE'S GOT TALENT

g, 5, Talent Search - Honeymoon Baby  
2nd - LYMAN S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, 6/4.

## JAGUAR POZ

g, 3, Majesticperfection - Star of Luvina  
2nd - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO, 6/11.

## ROCKIN JOJO

f, 4, Street Magician - Chiqueada  
2nd - FOXY J G S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6/4.

## ROCK ME AGAIN

f, 4, Rock Hard Ten - Tina's Goal  
2nd - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 1 1/16MT, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5/28.

## FINEST CITY

f, 4, City Zip - Be Envied  
3rd - VANITY MILE S-G1, Santa Anita, \$400,000, 1M, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6/4.

## SPELLING AGAIN

m, 5, Awesome Again - Spelling  
3rd - WINNING COLORS S-G3, Churchill Downs, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5/28.

## BIRD OF TREY

c, 3, Birdstone - Take Me Home Too.  
3rd - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO, 6/11.

## BUMP START

r, 5, Jump Start - E T Phone Laura  
3rd - LYMAN S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, 6/4.

## DEVILISH LOVE

m, 6, Not For Love - Cozinneta  
3rd - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 1 1/16MT, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5/28.

## IGNITE

m, 5, Jump Start - Perverse  
3rd - FOXY J G S, PARX Racing, \$100,000, 7F, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6/4.

## ITS A JOURNEY

f, 3, Jump Start - Lovely Senorita.  
3rd - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 6F, 3YO, F, 6/11.

## RAPID DAN

g, 5, More Than Ready - Rivanna  
3rd - KARL BOYES MEMORIAL S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 5 1/2F, 3YO/UP, 6/20.



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