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Mor Spirit: From Pennsylvania to Kentucky via California By Emily Shields

Stuart Grant is frank, charismatic, and cheerfully calls Mor Spirit the "most humbling animal I've ever had."

"I love him, and I'm rooting for him, of course, but I sold him for \$85,000," Grant lamented. "He's worth a few million now."

Pennsylvania-bred Mor Spirit has spent the last seven months striding towards a run at the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands on the first Saturday in May. The Bob Baffert-trainee, who is now owned by Michael Lund Petersen, arrived at Churchill Downs in late April following a second-place effort as the favorite in the \$1 million Santa Anita Derby-G1.

While Grant has had his share of stakes success, watching a horse like Mor Spirit is both gratifying and frustrating.

The Brooklyn native, who grew up to be a Delaware-based attorney, always liked horses, but didn't buy one until 2002. "We did it because we could," Grant said, crediting the tolerance of his wife, who allowed him to chase his dreams. "The very worst thing that could have happened, happened," he said. "We claimed a horse and won a few races. Never base a decision on a sample size of one."

In just a decade, Grant's racing banner Elkstone Group LLC had 200 head of horses and owned three farms either whole or in part. "It's a significant breeding and racing operation," Grant said.

Grant is quick to point out the joint effort behind

the mating that produced Mor Spirit. "The cross itself was a team approach," he said. "My bloodstock guy Clark Shepherd has a magic system ranking the stallions that are in my price range, and Bev Grovert in Paris, Ky., talks to me about physicals. I ultimately make the decision based on their input and my own gut feelings."

The son of Eskendereya—Im a Dixie Girl, by Dixie Union, was born April 1, 2013, at Derry Meeting Farm in Cochran-ville. He was originally slated to go through the auction ring at

the Fasig-Tipton July sale, but turned up lame the morning of the sale after kicking his stall wall. Grant was forced to wait until the Fasig-Tipton October Sale, where Mor Spirit brought over \$100,000 less than his breeder had hoped. Just five months later, he was resold as a juvenile at the Fasig-Tipton March Sale of Two Year Olds in Training for \$650,000.

After finishing his schooling via Baffert's Santa Anita barn, Mor Spirit was well regarded before his debut. Traffic trouble kept him from breaking his maiden first out in a six and a half-furlong sprint for juveniles. He finished second, well ahead of the third place finished Urlacher. Mor Spirit met that rival again in his second start, but after the two briefly dueled Mor Spirit kicked clear to win the one-mile contest by 41/4



mily Shields

lengths while Urlacher finished 8½ lengths clear of the third place finisher.

In his stakes debut, Mor Spirit finished second behind Airoforce in the \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes-G2, a race often sought after by trainers seeking to gauge how their juveniles might handle the quirky dirt surface at Churchill Downs. Mo Tom and Gun Runner, both considered as strong

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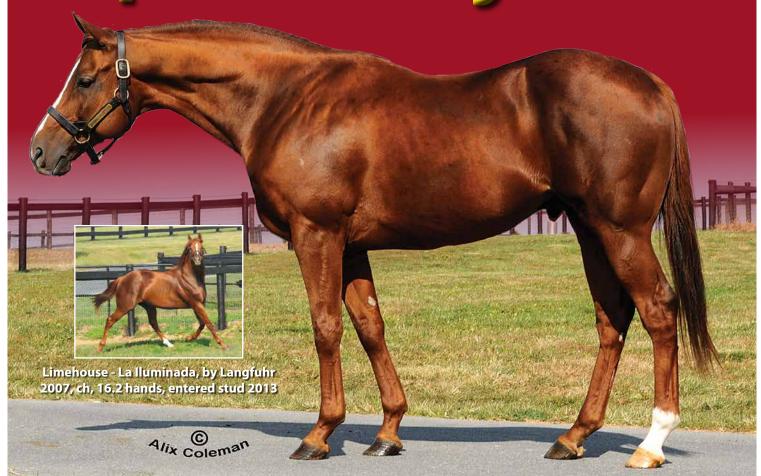




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Kentucky Derby contenders, finished third and fourth in the $1\frac{1}{16}$ -mile race.

Despite the presence of his three-time stakes-winning stablemate Toews On Ice, Mor Spirit went off favored in the \$350,000 Los Alamitos Futurity-G1. The historic 1½6-mile race, formerly the Hollywood Futurity, has produced six Kentucky Derby winners from its starters, including Real Quiet and Giacomo in the last two decades. Other recent standout Futurity graduates include Preakness winners Oxbow and Lookin At Lucky. Trainer Baffert had already won the race seven times.

Mor Spirit settled back second last in a field of seven, then offered what has become his signature grinding drive to get up and secure Baffert his eighth win in the race by 1½ lengths over Toews On Ice, who was six lengths ahead of the third place runner. Although Mor Spirit hadn't done enough to wrestle away the Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old from Nyquist, his accomplishments earned him a place on many early Derby watch lists.

In his sophomore debut, the \$150,345 Robert B. Lewis Stakes-G3, Mor Spirit closed doggedly in the lane to eventually clear runner up Uncle Lino and win. He has not won since, but added two solid second place efforts to his



resume in the \$400,345 San Felipe Stakes-G2 and Santa Anita Derby. He arrived in Kentucky with three wins and four seconds in seven starts and earnings of \$658,400.

Although Grant no longer has a say in Mor Spirit's career, he does still own the horse's dam, Im a Dixie Girl. The graded stakes-placed mare had already produced the \$235,115-earner Sheikinator, and foaled another Eskendereya colt just a month ago. "People keep asking me what he's like, and if he's good," Grant explained. "I couldn't tell

you that Mor Spirit was going to be a Derby horse as a yearling, and his brother is just a few days old!" Im a Dixie Chick is booked to American Pharoah for 2016.

Grant believes strongly in the Pennsylvania breeding program. "I love the program," he said, "it's great. You can get breeding bonuses in other states, but Pennsylvania has more restricted races both on the stakes and maiden special levels. Then in the open races you still run for a 40 percent bonus. It's phenomenal."*



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A Few Words From the Executive Secretary

It's that time again! On the first Saturday in May the most exciting race of the year will take place. Will Pennsylvania have bred another Kentucky Derby winner? Will it be the Elkstone Group's Mor Spirit or Blackstone Farm's Tom's Ready? We wish both connections the best of luck. What's great about breeding is that you never know if you'll be the next person in that coveted winner's circle.

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/Brian Sanfratello





Kentucky Derby Doings— PA-Breds now at Churchill Downs

Kentucky Derby hopefuls Mor Spirit and Tom's Ready have arrived at Churchill Downs to prepare for the classic. Both colts are firmly seated on the Kentucky Derby leader-board—Mor Spirit (bred by The Elkstone Group LLC), ranked eighth with 84 points, and Tom's Ready in 16th with 44 points.

Michael Lund Petersen's Mor Spirit arrived in Louisville on April 22 and galloped over the main track on April 24. The Bob Baffert trainee has raced exclusively in graded stakes company this year, with a win and two seconds, most recently placing in the Santa Anita Derby-G1.





Tom's Ready, bred by Blackstone Farm LLC, has also raced exclusively in graded stakes this year, his most recent effort resulting in a second-place finish in the Louisiana Derby-G2. The dark bay son of More Than Ready owned by G M B Racing is trained by Dallas Stewart, who prepared longshots Golden Soul and Commanding Curve to second-place finishes in the Derby in 2013 and 2014.

Churchill Downs/Coady Photography (2)

PA-Bred Graded Stakes Winner: Finest City

Finest City, a 4-year-old daughter of City Zip, recorded her first stakes win in graded company when taking the Great Lady M Stakes-G2 at Los Alamitos on April 23. Owned by Seltzer Thoroughbreds, she rallied four wide around the turn in the six and a half-furlong main track test and drew off to win by a length and a quarter. Her final time of 1:14.48 was a new track record.

The filly was the first starter for her trainer lan Kruljac last summer, and is the first graded stakes winner bred by Hank Nothhaft's HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, which the racing stable noted on its Facebook page. Nothhaft purchased

Finest City's dam, Be Envied (by Lemon Drop Kid), with the future graded stakes winner in utero, spending \$37,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale. Finest City was sold for \$50,000 as a weanling at Keeneland the following November, and went back through the sales ring as a yearling at Keeneland in September, where her current owners spent \$85,000 to take her home.

Nothhaft still owns two of Finest City's half-sisters: the 3-year-old Move (by his late stallion Silver Train, who stood at Northview PA his final seasons in the U.S.) and 2-year-old Grand Prix, a daughter of

Tale of the Cat who didn't reach her reserve when offered at Keeneland as a weanling and yearling.

Finest City was unraced at 2 and, after overcoming a variety of injuries and a number of layoffs, broke her maiden in her second start, and her first for lan Kruljac, at Del Mar last August. She won in allowance company two months later, and got her first black-type when second, missing by a head, in the Grade 2 Santa Monica Stakes in her first start this year. From 10 lifetime starts, Finest City has earned \$275,594 with three wins, three seconds and a third.



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FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC MAY 2-YEAR-OLDS SALE: 28 PA-BREDS CATALOGUED

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale of 2-year-olds in training, to be held the Monday and Tuesday after Preakness Day, May 23 and 24, at the Timonium sales pavilion in Timonium, Md., has 28 PA-Breds listed in the catalogue, including those by leading sires Malibu Moon, Super Saver and Ghostzapper, and the only Pennsylvania-sired crop of Rockport Harbor. Other PA-Sired juveniles include those by the state's perennial leading sire Jump Start, Smarty Jones, Silver Train, Mad Flatter and Weigelia. The under tack show will cover three days, from Tuesday, May 17 through Thursday, May 19. The following is the complete list of the PA-Breds entered in the sale (with breeder/consignor).

- Hip 8 Bay Colt, 3/19/14, Friesan Fire— Irish Diva, by Skip Trial; Hope Hill Farm; Blue River Bloodstock Agent.
- Hip 27 Gray or Roan Filly, 4/7/14, Rockport Harbor—Kris Xpress, by King of Kings (Ire); Denise K. McHenry; Whitman Sales Agent.
- Hip 29 Dark Bay or Brown Colt, 4/27/14, Mad Flatter—Kylie's Dream, by Valid Expectations; Glenn E. Brok LLC; Ricehorse Stables Agent.
- Hip 34 Pearsonality Too, Chestnut Colt, 6/6/14, Cat Thief—Lady of the Future, by Eastern Echo; Max Pearson Stables LLC; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 40 Another Smart One, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, 2/17/14, Smarty Jones— Lelander, by Cherokee Run; D.J. Stable; Hidden Brook Agent VII.
- Hip 97 Spanker, Chestnut Filly, 1/27/14, Cape Blanco (Ire)—My Spanx, by A. P. Delta; H. Allen Poindexter; Cary Frommer Agent II.
- Hip 107 Chestnut Colt, 3/24/14, Northern Afleet—Nun On the Run, by Red Bishop; Blackstone Farm LLC; Woodford Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 109 Factor One, Black Filly, 4/18/14, The Factor—One Last Salute, by Salutely; Diamond Crest Farm; James Layden Agent.
- Hip 119 Dark Bay or Brown Colt, 5/1/14, Northern Afleet—Parish Hilton, by Royal Academy; GB Associates; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.

- Hip 156 Bay Gelding, 3/18/14, Adios Charlie—Quincy Light, by Colony Light; Big Shot Stable LLC; Boutte Sales Agent VI.
- Hip 171 Super Rich, Bay Colt, 5/3/14, Super Saver—Rich N Clever, by Richter

Scale; Blackstone Farm LLC; James Layden Agent.

Hip 216 - Goodnight Moon, Chestnut Filly, 4/21/14, Malibu Moon—Silky Smooth, by Mr. Greeley; Chadds Ford Stable LLC; Eddie Woods Agent XII.



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- Hip 239 Ghost Punch, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, 4/15/14, Ghostzapper—Sophie's Destiny, by Two Punch; Blackstone Farm LLC; Bobby Dodd Agent.
- Hip 250 Chestnut Filly, 3/16/14, Dialed In—Star of Luvina, by Five Star Day; James E. Hess; All In Sales Agent.
- Hip 255 Bay Colt, 4/25/14, Yes It's True— St. Odilia, by Langfuhr; Beth McAllister; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 263 Bay Colt, 1/26/14, Silver Train— Sundays On the Bay, by Disco Rico; Glenn E. Brok LLC; Sweet Briar Sales LLC Agent.
- Hip 267 American Vet, Bay Colt, 5/11/14, American Lion—Sweet Talkin Babe, by Judge Smells; Xanthus Farms Inc.; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 282 Jersey Chic, Chestnut Filly, 4/20/14, Jersey Town—Tia Chela, by

- Jump Start; Xanthus Farms Inc.; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 301 Beluga Baby, Gray or Roan Filly, 3/23/14, Rockport Harbor—Untamed Melody, by Sultry Song; Dr. Klobia S. Carroll; Cary Frommer Agent I.
- Hip 437 Dark Bay or Brown Filly, 4/14/14, Jump Start—Chestnut Cabaret, by Horse Chestnut (SAf); HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC; Grassroots Training & Sales Agent.
- Hip 450 Barcode, Chestnut Colt, 2/1/14, Big Brown—Code Variance, by Awesome Again; SMD Ltd.; Kings Equine Agent.
- Hip 461 Bay Colt, 5/29/14, Friesan Fire— Crafty Toast, by Crafty Prospector; Hope Hill Farm; Scanlon Training & Sales Agent VI.
- Hip 478 Bay Filly, 3/12/14, Weigelia—Diamonds No More, by Diamond; Wynoaks Farm LLC & St. Omers Farm; Grassroots Training & Sales.

- Hip 544 Bay Filly, 3/7/14, Weigelia—Gentlemen's Locket, by Gentlemen (Arg); Wynoaks Farm LLC & St. Omers Farm; Grassroots Training & Sales.
- Hip 562 Gray or Roan Filly, 3/7/14, Creative Cause—Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush; Blackstone Farm LLC; Kirkwood Stables Agent Iv.
- Hip 576 U. S. Hardened, Bay Colt, 4/16/14, United States—Hard and Fast, by Fortunate Prospect; Myron R. Wilson; Crane Thoroughbreds Agent.
- Hip 587 Twice as Handsome, Chestnut Colt, 2/27/14, Dublin—His Beauty, by Adcat; Glenn E. Brok LLC; Blue River Bloodstock Agent.
- Hip 589 Chestnut Filly, 5/2/14, Maclean's Music—Holiday Lights, by A.P. Indy;Blackstone Farm LLC; Blue River Bloodstock Agent.

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JET AWAY JANE GONE



Ted and Robin Stepanoff have reported that their 2008 Pennsylvania champion older mare Jet Away Jane passed away due to complications from colic on the morning of Friday April 22. She was 13.

Campaigned in the name of the Stepanoffs' Golden Oak Farms, Jet Away Jane was the second stakes winner to descend from the first mare the couple ever owned, Ack's First Step. Purchased in 1991 from longtime Pennsylvania breeder Paul Labe for \$1,500, Ack's First Step (by Ack Kerala) came with a free breeding season to Labe's stallion Beyond the Mint. The resulting foal, the first bred by the Stepanoffs, was Mints First Star, the dam of Jet Away Jane.

Jet Away Jane, a foal of 2003 by Unbridled Jet, was incredibly consistent over the four years she raced. From 33 starts, she won 10 times, and was second or third in 20 other outings, while earning \$543,937. She won four added-money races her championship season at 5—the Foxy J.G., Day Lilly and Langhorne Stakes and Ambassador of Luck Handicap— and won the Russian Rhythm

Handicap the year before. She was also eight-times stakes-placed.

The mare's first two foals have earned six figures (Kid Brown, \$214,413; Alice's Girls, \$105,058), and her current 3-year-old Anissa placed twice in four starts. Jet Away Jane foaled a healthy colt by Jump Start on April 9. Originally, the family planned to sell the foal as a yearling, but they have now decided to keep him and race him themselves in honor of "Jane."





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SIX-FIGURE PA-BREDS AT OBS TWO-YEAR-OLD SALES

The two sales of 2-year-olds held by the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company in Florida saw four PA-Breds sell for \$100,000 or more, and all but one of the 15 offered were sold.

The top priced PA-Bred at \$130,000 was a colt by Overdriven out of the unraced Grand Slam mare Miss Foreesta, sold at the spring sale that ran from April 19 through April 22. Jonathan Thomas signed the ticket as agent for Repole Stable. From the family of graded stakes winner Move, the bay colt worked an eighth-mile at the under tack show in 9.4, the co-fastest time of the sale. Bred by Eico Stable and Glenn E. Brok LLC, the colt was consigned by Eisaman Equine.

Also sold in April for six figures was a son of Mizzen Mast—Taanis, by Dayjur. A half-brother to graded stakes-placed Jockey Ridge, the gray/roan colt bred by Gum Tree Stables LLC and Thomas Clark Bloodstock descends from champion Shicklah. He was purchased by Winchell Thoroughbreds for \$120,000.

Top Line Sales was agent for a Quality Road colt out of Charlie My Girl, by Unbridled's Song, who brought \$100,000 on a bid by Rockbridge Bloodstock. Bred by C Biscuit Racing and Smart Angle LLP, the May 1 foal is a half-brother to a stakes runner and a stakes producer, from the family of graded winners Magic Broomstick and Twilight Time.

The first day of the two-day select sale, held March 15 and 16, saw the only PA-Bred offered sell for \$125,000 to Patrice Miller of EQB Inc. The son of Union Rags out of Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister, consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm as agent, is a three-quarter brother to Grade 1-winning juvenile Dixie Chatter and half-brother to Grade 3 winner Rumor. His second dam is champion Phone Chatter. From the family that also includes Grade 1 winner In Lingerie, the colt was bred by Chadds Ford Stable and sold as a yearling at Keeneland in September for \$50,000.

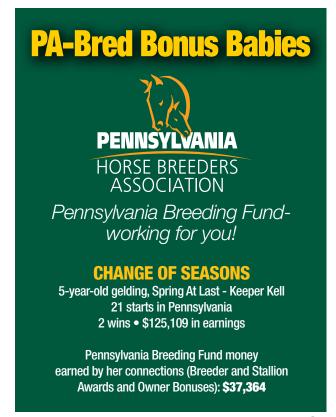
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PHBA Annual Meeting: May 18

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at the Kennett Square Golf and Country Club in Kennett Square at 4 p.m.

PHBA Awards Banquet: June 24

The PHBA Awards Banquet, honoring the 2015 PA-Bred champions and industry leaders, will be held at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey on Friday, June 24 starting at 5 p.m. Contact the PHBA office at 610-444-1050 for more info.





YOUNG STALLION MAD FLATTER VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Mad Flatter, an 11-year-old son of Flatter who stood at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, was euthanized due to injuries suffered while in his stall. The multiple graded stakes winner was standing his fourth season at stud—his first crop comes to the races this year.

Bred by Bonnie Heath Farm out of the Honor Grades mare Miss Pangea, Mad Flatter earned \$354,843 during his career, and among his eight victories were back-to-back runnings of the Grade 3 Spend a Buck Handicap (in 2010 and 2011).



Mad Flatter's first crop of 2-year-olds numbers 21 foals. He bred an average of more than 28 mares a year.

"It is with great sorrow that we share the loss of our stallion Mad Flatter," Diamond B owner Glenn Brok told The Blood-Horse. "It is tragic, to lose a graded front-end running miler with his pedigree, by Flatter and the strong influence of the prolific family of Weekend Surprise. To come this far and for him to go too soon, is a terrible loss; a loss for our family, the Heaths, and all his breeders, supporters, and fans."



Stakes Schedule for PA-Breds offers \$2.2 million in 2016



The first two PA-Bred stakes of the year, the Foxy J. G. and Lyman, will be held at Parx Racing on Saturday, May 14. The 2016 PA-Bred stakes schedule has a total of 22 stakes, each worth \$100,000, for a total distribution of \$2.2 million.

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Sat., May 14, Parx **\$100,000 Lyman S**, 3 & up, 7 fur.

\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.

Sat., May 28, Penn \$100,000 Lyphard \$, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi., turf

Sat., June 11, Penn **\$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur.

\$100,000 New Start S, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.

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, 11/16 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, 11/16 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, 11/16 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, 11/16 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, 11/16 mi., turf

Sat., Oct. 8, Parx **\$100,000 Plum Pretty S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi.

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

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

Total: \$2,200,000

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Blasts From The Past

MORNING MAC

1962, by Cormac—Fairplex, by Star Beacon. Bred by Paul C. Baldwin. Owned by Mrs. John B. Hannum.



The hunterturned-racehorse Morning Mac became one of those rare individuals to win the Maryland Hunt Cup twice in his career. The blaze-faced chestaccomplished feat over a the spanfour-year between his two wins were a third and a fourth in the world's most challenging timber race.

Owned by "foxhunting legend" Nancy Penn Smith Hannum of Unionville, Morning Mac

was bred by Paul Baldwin, who sold him as a 2-year-old to Christine Hannum, the sister of Nancy's husband John. A son of the extraordinary Hunt Cup sire Cormac, Morning Mac came to be owned by the Hannums after Christine stopped hunting.

Nancy, who was Master of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hunt for more than 50 years, was asked about her horse in an interview in 1979: "He's such a dandy horse. You can do anything with him. He's not quiet enough for a child because he bucks and plays, but he's great out front. I've hunted hounds off him, whipped off him, and he's done everything I've asked."

Ridden primarily in races by Nancy's son John B. "Buzzy" Hannum Jr., Morning Mac recorded his first Hunt Cup win at age 8 in 1970 in his first attempt over the huge timber fences in Glyndon. In fact, he had made his first start in a sanctioned race only the week before, when second in the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial at the Grand National meet, missing by a neck to Knockbawn.

The untested gelding's win in his first Hunt Cup attempt was even more remarkable considering he nearly lost Hannum at the third fence. The duo made a spectacular recovery and turned in an impressive final drive to score by more than two lengths over Knockbawn.

In 1973, the fates once again shown favorably upon Cormac's son. Seven horses lined up, including previous Hunt Cup winner Early Earner and future winner *Jacko. At the end of the nearly four miles, falls took out all but Morning Mac, Eastmac and Evening Mail. It proved the easiest of victories for Morning Mac, who strolled home 25 lengths the winner.

Morning Mac made only two starts in each of those four years, but proved extremely successful over one of the hardest courses in the world. Nancy Hannum remarked "He's that kind of a horse. Persistent, with great staying power, a careful jumper who lacks only speed. He always leaves a little hair on the top of his jumps." *

Blasts From the Past takes a look back at PA-Breds of distinction throughout history. The majority of the biographies were included in the PHBA's 50th year anniversary commmemmorative booklet, published in 1998.





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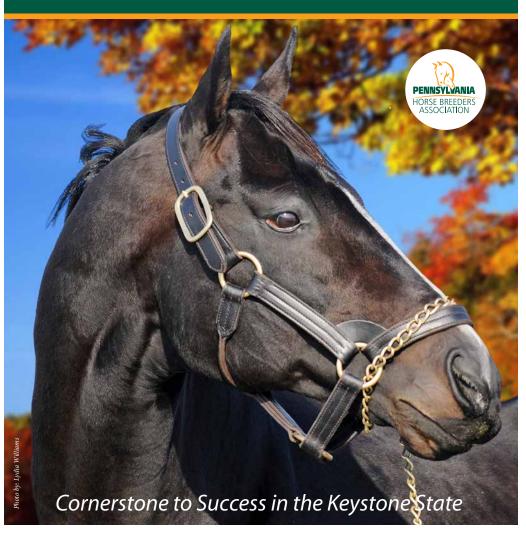
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January 2016





Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



FINEST CITY

f, 4, City Zip - Be Envied Won - GREAT LADY M S-G2, \$200,000, 6 1/2F (ntr), 3YO/ UP, F/M, Los Alamitos, 4/23.



RAGING SMOKE

m, 5, More Smoke - Marquee Kelly Won - SUGAR MAPLE S, \$150,000, 7F, 4YO/UP, F/M, Charles Town, 4/23.

A P MAJETSTIC

f, 3, Majestic Warrior - Annette's Jet Won - WEBER CITY MISS S, \$100,000, Abt. 1 1/16M, 3YO, F, Laurel Park, 4/9.



MOR SPIRIT

r, 3, Eskendereya - Im a Dixie Girl 2nd - SANTA ANITA DERBY-G1, \$1,000,000, 1 1/8 mi., 3YO, Santa Anita, 4/9.

PAGE MCKENNEY

g, 6, Eavesdropper - Winning Grace 2nd - CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC-G2, \$1,250,000, 1 1/8M, 4YO/UP, Charles Town, 4/23.

TOM'S READY

c, 3, More Than Ready - Goodbye Stranger 2nd - LOUISIANA DERBY-G2, \$1,000,000, 1 1/8M, 3YO, Fair Grounds, 3/26.

DISCO CHICK

m, 5, Jump Start - Disco Flirt 2nd - PRIMONETTA S, \$75,000, 6F, 3YO/UP, F/M, Laurel Park, 3/26.



Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses

FINAL ENCORE

c, 3, Scat Daddy - Midnight Ramble 2nd - FISHER ISLAND H, \$60,000, 5FT, 3YO, Gulfstream Park, 4/8.

STARRY MOON

g, 5, Malibu Moon - Hartigan 2nd - CAIXA ELETRONICA H, \$35,000, 7F, 4YO/UP, Charles Town, 4/23.

ILLUMINANT

f, 4, Quality Road - Sparkling Number 3rd - JENNY WILEY S-G1, \$350,000, 1 1/16MT, 4YO/UP, F/M, Keeneland, 4/16.

ITS A JOURNEY

f, 3, Jump Start - Lovely Senorita 3rd - WEBER CITY MISS S, \$100,000, A1 1/16M, 3YO, F, Laurel Park, 4/9.

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)

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	37,902	0	0	37,902	Kathryn Goldenberg	6,772	1,998	0	8,770
Patricia L. Chapman	12,600	7,996	0	20,596	Toni M. Kirwan	8,730	0	0	8,730
Barlar LLC	15,521	4,820	0	20,342	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	8,122	0	0	8,122
Charles A. Cuprill	9,925	3,308	0	13,234	Tea Party Stable Inc.	5,990	1,997	0	7,986
Epona Equine LLC	13,133	0	0	13,133	Nellie M. Cox	6,777	0	0	6,777
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	11,311	0	11,311	Luana J. Johnson	6,509	0	0	6,509
The Elkstone Group LLC	10,677	0	0	10,677	Norris E. Gelman	5,328	1,066	0	6,394
Charles C.D. McGill	10,260	0	0	10,260	Flint W. Stites	4,186	2,167	0	6,352
Sylmar Farm Inc.	10,082	0	0	10,082	Kaz Hill Farm	6,329	0	0	6,329
Michael W. Jester	4,349	5,429	0	9,777	Donald Clifford Wilson	5,994	0	0	5,994
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	2,680	6,921	0	9,601	Emilie Bateman	5,994	0	0	5,994
William J. Solomon VMD	2,873	6,121	0	8,994	Triple Threat Stables LLC	5,994	0	0	5,994
Sterling R. Krumbine	8,948	0	0	8,948	Iwin Farms LLC	5,859	0	0	5,859
Jodie Pointer	8,798	0	0	8,798	St. Omer's Farm	5,524	0	0	5,524

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
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	7	7,996	More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	6	2,414
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station In	ic. 31	7,925	Monba	Triton Farms LLC	14	2,266
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	16	6,921	City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	20	2,252
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	11	4,820	Aisle	Flint W .Stites	8	2,167
Grand Reward	Hill n Dale Syndicated Stallio	ons Inc.13	3,706	Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	10	2,022
Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	12	3,415	Emperor Tiberius	Kathryn Goldenberg	1	1,998
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	10	3,252	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc.	9	1,997
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	22	3,093	Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	8	1,743
Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	8	2,983	Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	6	1,661
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	12	2,837	Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	1	1,505
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station In	ıc. 18	2,605	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	8	1,340
Gimmeawink	Richard N. Miller	5	2,448	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	9	1,210

LEADING HORSES

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

				PA-Bred Restricted	PA-Bred Stakes	Total Breeder	Total Stallion	Total Owner	Total Owner	Total Fund
Horse (*PA-Sired)	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Purse	Purse	Award	Award	Award	Bonus	Amount
Someday Jones *	Smarty Jones - Last Toots	Patricia L. Chapman	1	0	0	12,600	4,200	0	12,000	28,800
Orbit *	Smarty Jones - Leebearski	Charles C.D. McGill	2	0	0	10,260	3,420	0	5,700	19,380
Early One Morning	Devil His Due - Stellalunar	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	3	0	0	7,296	0	0	6,080	13,376
Gimmeaclue *	Gimmeawink - After All	Nellie M. Cox	3	0	0	6,777	2,259	0	3,765	12,800
Secret Garden *	Weigelia - Covert	Epona Equine LLC	1	0	0	6,566	2,189	0	3,648	12,403
Red Doctober	Sharp Humor - Winning Toast	Seth Gregory	1	0	0	5,040	0	0	7,200	12,240
Ecom *	E Dubai - Market At Midday	Barlar LLC	3	0	0	9,091	3,030	0	0	12,121
Dr Wiz *	Cat Thief - Gianna's Reprized	Jodie Pointer	1	0	0	4,536	1,512	0	4,320	10,368
Citi's Barometer *	Changeintheweather - City Woman	Sterling R. Krumbine	3	0	0	5,182	1,727	0	2,879	9,788
Awesome Dixie	Dixie Union - Awesome Six	Al London	1	0	0	3,528	0	0	5,040	8,568
Powerful Sun *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	1	0	0	4,514	1,505	0	2,508	8,527
Chippewawhitechief	* Weigelia - Chippewa	St. Omer's Farm	1	0	0	4,320	1,440	0	2,400	8,160
Proud Reward *	Grand Reward - Proud and Free	Jodie Pointer	2	0	0	4,262	1,421	0	2,368	8,051
A Lil More A J *	More Smoke - Annette's Jet	Triple Threat Stables LLC	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
Extrasexxyeurodude	* Eurosilver - Extra Sexy Psychic	Toni M. Kirwan	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
Graves Island *	Petionville - Sherrie Belle	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
Saratoga Jack *	Emperor Tiberius - Thinkoutsidethebox	Kathryn Goldenberg	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
Tribal Journey *	Weigelia - Tribal Moon	Emilie Bateman	1	0	0	5,994	1,998	0	0	7,992
The Morning Guys	Birdstone - Fee Fi Fo Fum	Smart Angle LLP	2	0	0	4,339	0	0	3,616	7,955



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