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## Willy Wank

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Pennsylvania is the first state in the region to have a son of red-hot young sire Uncle Mo standing at stud now that Northview PA has added track record-setting, Grade 1-placed Uncle Lino to its Peach Bottom, Pa., roster.

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# Uptowncharlybrown

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# Weigelia blossoms as top-notch PA sire

By Linda Dougherty

When Chip and Barbara Wheeler went to see the newly-retired stallion prospect Weigelia and determine whether he would be a good fit for their WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., they were a little surprised.

Weigelia had just completed six seasons of racing, having made 48 starts and winning 13 times, eight of them stakes, including the Grade 3 Kenny Noe Jr. Handicap. He set two course records, made over a million dollars, ran nine 100-plus Beyer Speed Figures, and placed in Grade 1 competition – but didn't look the part.

"His race record was outstanding, and that's why we were interested in Weigelia as a stallion prospect," said Barbara Wheeler. "Because he had made a lot of starts, we expected to see a broken-down horse, but we were so impressed that he didn't look like he raced very much."

The Wheelers brought Weigelia to Pennsylvania, where he stood his first season in 2009. Since then, he's proven to be one of the best investments for breeders in the Mid-Atlantic region, siring horses that average more than \$70,000 in earnings from his \$3,500 stud fee.

"He continues to put horses on the ground who make it to the track, are durable, and make money," said Wheeler. "If you look at his statistics, he sires good horses with whatever mares he's bred to. There's a lot of value there." In fact, on the recently-released The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation report of 2016 sires by lifetime percentage of foals of racing age started, Weigelia ranks third in the nation of the top 200 stallions ranked (with 85.33 percent starters per foals).

From just 64 starters, Weigelia has sired 13 winners of more than \$100,000 (20 percent), and five stakes winners. His stakes winners are Fat Kat (\$377,868), Brenda's Way (\$350,752), Chipewawwhitechief (\$208,037), Barracuda Wayne (\$198,214); Storm Advisory (\$301,275) became his most recent by taking the \$125,000 King Cotton Stakes at Oaklawn Park on February 4.

Weigelia has also sired graded stakes-placed Disco Rose (\$283,960) and the gritty Pink Princess, who's made 42 starts, won nine times and placed 19 times, for earnings of \$344,272. Fat Kat, Disco Rose and Pink Princess are full sisters, all out of the Disco Rico mare Katarica Disco. Their third dam is Kattebuck, the dam of multiple stakes winner and millionaire Silmaril.

The Wheelers have been involved in the breeding and racing industry for nearly 30 years, beginning at the family-owned St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill, Md., who bred Silmaril and many other top-notch runners, and continuing in 2005 with their own WynOaks Farm, a full-service facility spanning 97 acres that offers boarding, foaling, breeding and breaking, plus sales preparation and representation.



One common thread that ties together Weigelia's progeny is that WynOaks Farm is the breeder or the co-breeder of the majority of them, often with St. Omer's Farm.

"We don't get a whole lot of outside mares to him," said Barb Wheeler. "We have strongly supported him from the beginning, and wanted to give him the best chance to succeed."

A 16-hand bay stallion, Weigelia sires horses that resemble him both physically and in ability.

"He throws the same horse time and time again," said Wheeler. "And they all look the same – the same size, same disposition. They run on dirt and turf, long and short."

Trainer Robert E. "Butch" Reid, who is based at Parx Racing, has trained several of Weigelia's progeny, including Fat Kat (whom he trains for owners LC Racing LLC and Wake The Dame) and Disco Rose, owned by LC Racing.

"All the Weigelias I've had are plain bay, solid horses, nothing flashy," said Reid. "They've turned into cash cows for us. When Fat Kat won the \$100,000 Power by Far Stakes this past summer (July 23 at Parx), she earned \$72,000, adding in the Pennsylvania owner's bonus."

Despite being full sisters, Fat Kat and Disco Rose are not similar types when it comes to their racing preferences.

"They are completely different," said Reid. "Fat Kat is a big gorgeous filly, strictly a sprinter. Five-eighths is her best distance. Disco Rose runs long, with 1½ miles being her best distance. Both mares can handle fast or sloppy tracks."

Reid likes Weigelia so much as a sire that he purchased three more yearlings last year, all of whom are currently getting their early schooling in Florida.

"We have a full brother to Fat Kat and Disco Rose that we bought privately," said Reid. "We have two more Weigelias that we bought at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale (at Timonium)."

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# Buttonwood experiment pays off for Moorheads

By Linda Dougherty

Talk about beginner's luck. Rod and Alice Moorhead of Unionville, Pa., have tasted stakes success with their first homebreds to hit the racetrack, an accomplishment that can typically take breeders years to achieve similar results.

Thanks to the breeding and training guidance and expertise of their longtime friend, neighbor and Hall of Fame member Jonathan Sheppard, the Moorheads began their journey into the sport with a foundation of well-bred mares in foal to top stallions, with the result being two juveniles that collected a PA-Bred stakes double in 2016.

The Moorheads' Rose Tree, a daughter of Harlan's Holiday—Amusing, by Distorted Humor, captured the \$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Penn National Nov. 23 after having broken her maiden in her debut at Delaware Park Oct. 15. Downhill Racer, a son of Pennsylvania's leading sire Jump Start out of Encore Saritta, by Consolidator, won the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes at Parx Racing Dec. 3 after breaking his maiden the day before Rose Tree at Penn National. According to the record books, no other owner/trainer combination had ever won both the Blue Mountain Juvenile and Pennsylvania Nursery in the same season.

In addition, another homebred, Button My Button, a year-older half-sister, by Colonel John, to Downhill Racer, broke her maiden in PA-Bred special weight company at Presque Isle Downs Sept. 27 over the Tapeta surface. That day, she hit the gate at the start, but recovered nicely to defeat seven rivals by nearly 6 lengths and came back to win an allowance at Penn National Dec. 7.

"Button My Button started it all," said Moorhead, a Harvard Business School graduate who was managing director of the private New York equity firm Warburg Pincus. "She was our experiment."

The Moorheads' Buttonwood Farm near Unionville had been home to Sheppard's breeding operation, as it was right next door to his Ashwell Farm. But at first, they didn't think they'd venture into that aspect of the sport.

"We knew Jonathan very well," said Moorhead. "My wife is the first cousin of Jonathan's first wife, Penny Lofting Sheppard. Although I wasn't all that interested in getting involved, I was born in Louisville and had always been intrigued by racing."

The Moorheads had been avid fox hunters, with Rod working during the week in New York and then coming home on the weekends to enjoy time on horseback, riding across the Chester County countryside. But an injury he sustained changed the direction of the couple's equine pursuits.

"I suffered a severe injury five years ago from a fox hunting accident," said Moorhead. "I was tired and another horse came up on the second to last fence and spooked my horse. I went off and hit the ground, which was as hard as cement. I broke my back in two places and had to have a rod inserted. My wife didn't want me to ride again."

With Sheppard's assistance, the couple became owners of a steeplechase horse, All the Way Jose, whom Sheppard had bred and trained for them.

"We had great fun with All the Way Jose, who was the Novice Champion on the steeplechase circuit," said Moorhead. "And then we also thought we'd like to get a broodmare and give Thoroughbred breeding a try."

"Rod and Alice liked seeing my mares and playing with the foals and decided they wanted a mare of their own," said Sheppard. "I

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At that sale, Reid purchased a colt out of multiple graded stakes winner and millionaire Silmaril for LC Racing for \$25,000, and a filly out of Legal Kat, the dam of Katarica Disco, for \$20,000.

WynOaks also strongly supports Weigelia at the sales, consigning six of his yearlings at the 2016 Timonium sale for an average price of \$15,333, more than four times his stud fee. But while most have sold well, some Weigelias have proven to be “diamonds in the rough” at the sales.

Fat Kat, for instance, was sold for only \$1,500 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, and at the next year’s May sale was pinhooked for \$50,000 to Charles Zacney before going on to become a stakes winner.

Isabella Swift, who has made all but one of her 65 starts in Pennsylvania, was purchased for merely \$1,000 at the 2011



Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale by Club Risque, and has repaid that purchase price many times over, earning \$396,791. She is out of the Housebuster mare Polar Miss, a favorite of the Wheelers.

“We had actually consigned Polar Miss at auction for a client, but ended up buying her ourselves because we liked her so much,” said Barbara Wheeler. Polar Miss foaled a full sister to Isabella Swift last year.

And the comically-named No More Strippers, while sold privately, is a testament to the durability of Weigelia’s runners. Now entering her fifth consecutive season of competition, the 6-year-old mare, out of Diamonds No More, by Diamond, has made 54 starts, won 10 times and placed 16 more, and has earned \$276,777. ■

## MOORHEADS continued from page 5

bought Encore Saritta for them for \$30,000 at the Keeneland January (2013) sale; she was in foal to Colonel John and foaled shortly after we brought her back to Pennsylvania. Then the next year they wanted a few more, so we went back to the Keeneland January sale and spent \$705,000 for three mares. They were by good sires and were in foal to good stallions. One of them was Amusing, in foal to Harlan’s Holiday (who eventually had a filly named Rose Tree).”

Alice Moorhead named Rose Tree in honor of her father, James R. Kerr, who was the Master of Foxhounds of the Rose Tree Hunt, and later of the Cheshire Hunt.

The two other mares Sheppard bought with Amusing (who cost \$280,000) were the Unbridled’s Song mare Sanibel Star (for \$155,000 in foal to City Zip) and Silk and Satin (by Storm Cat, whom Sheppard trained, for \$270,000). Sanibel Star foaled a colt named Junonia (now 3), and has a 2-year-old by First Samurai named Samurai Star. Silk and Satin, bought in foal to Quality Road, had a colt named Royal Attire (now 3) and has a yearling filly by More Than Ready named China Silk.

Junonia, who has yet to start, has needed some time to grow, while Royal Attire is also unraced.



Amusing has a 2-year-old colt by Animal Kingdom named Magical Kingdom, as well as a yearling colt by Hard Spun named What a Laugh. Encore Saritta has a yearling filly by Munnings named Lady Munnings, and a 2-year-old full brother to Button My Button named Colonel Moorhead.

To accommodate their growing family of homebreds, the Moorheads bought a 115-acre farm across the road from Buttonwood, and the two farms combined now span 300 acres. Because a “Buttonwood” tree is another

name for a Sycamore, explained Rod Moorhead, the second farm was named “Sycamore.”

“Jonathan was very encouraging when we told him we’d like to get into breeding,” said Moorhead. “The horses are broken on his farm [Ashwell]; I would go over almost every day and talk with him and watch them train. He pays attention to the fact that they can earn the PA-Bred bonus, and he is constantly looking for races in the state for them. It was quite exciting to see Rose Tree and Downhill Racer both win stakes, and after Rose Tree won the Blue Mountain Juvenile, we got offers to buy her, but we decided not to sell.”

All three of the Moorheads’ homebreds were given the winter off and started back training at the end of January. With another new crop ready to make their racing debuts, the couple is hoping that their beginner’s luck can continue into 2017. ■

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# Unique Bella heavy favorite in Kentucky Oaks future pool

"The brightest star thus far in North America's 2017 crop of 3-year-old fillies," PA-bred Unique Bella is listed as the heavy bettors' choice to win this year's renewal of the \$1 million Kentucky Oaks-G1, according to Churchill Downs' 2017 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager.

Bred by Brushwood Stable and sold as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$400,000, the grey daughter of Tapit got her second dominating graded win in a row when taking the Grade 2 Las Virgenes Stakes by eight and three-quarter lengths at Santa Anita on Feb. 5. One month earlier she recorded her first stakes win in the Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes, also at Santa Anita. Second in her debut, she has now won three consecutive races by a combined margin of 26½ lengths. Her next expected start is the Santa Ysabel Stakes-G3 on March 4.

Trained by Jerry Hollendorfer for Don Alberto Corp., Unique Bella was the even-money favorite among 24 betting interests when three days of wagering concluded the evening of Sunday, Feb. 26 in the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager pool.





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# A Letter From the Executive Secretary



What a great start for PA-Breds in 2017, with five graded-stakes wins! Congratulations to the connections of these fine horses who are making a name for PA-Breds all over the country! Keep your eye on Unique Bella, who became the first PA-Bred to win multiple graded stakes this year – this 3-year-old star filly was bred by Brushwood Stable, and is owned by Don Alberto Stable.

It's never been a better time to breed in Pennsylvania! Effective this year, the PA-Bred Program introduced 40% PA-Sired Breeder Awards for all races run in Pennsylvania, 1st through 3rd with no cap on earnings. In addition to increased Breeder Awards, the PA-Bred Program continues to be among the best in the country with over \$30 million paid in PA-Bred Awards, Purses, and Bonuses, plus over 400 restricted races just for PA-Breds.

Our annual stallion auction was a resounding success. The mares are being booked and we wish them all the best of luck! Thank you to all who participated. If you haven't taken advantage of the great deals, don't miss next year's auction. Proceeds benefit our Political Action Committee.

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/Brian Sanfratello

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## PA Stallion News Briefs

### UNCLE LINO NEW TO NORTHVIEW PA

Pennsylvania is the first state in the region to have a son of red-hot young sire Uncle Mo standing at stud now that Northview PA has added track record-setting, Grade 1-placed Uncle Lino to its Peach Bottom, Pa., roster. The elegant bay's stud fee is \$4,000 live foal and lifetime breeding rights are being offered.

"Northview has been looking extremely hard for a son of Uncle Mo," said Northview president and CEO Richard Golden. "Uncle Lino has checked all of our boxes. We are very excited to be able to offer Uncle Lino to our breeders for 2017."

Uncle Lino retires with six wins or placings in eight starts for earnings of \$316,160. He ran six times from January through May 2016, and set a track record in winning the California Chrome Stakes at Los Alamitos in April. Leading at every call, he completed the 1 1/16-mile distance in 1:40.82, breaking the previous mark set by Dortmund. He finished second earlier in the year to Mor Spirit in the Robert B. Lewis Stakes-G3 and was third in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby to Exaggerator and Mor Spirit.

He displayed his speed right out of the gate in his two starts at 2, missing by a neck in his debut at Del



Mar after battling for the lead the entire 5 furlongs, and winning second time out, also at Del Mar, drawing off to win by 2 3/4 lengths while setting fractions of :22.02, :45.08 and 1:09.58 and stopping the clock in 1:16.28 for 6 1/2 furlongs.

One of nearly two dozen stakes winners in the first crop of Uncle Mo, the third-ranked stallion in the nation in 2016 with progeny earnings of \$12.3 million with just two crops to race, Uncle Lino is out of the Orientate mare Haysee, a full sister to Alabama Stakes-G1 winner Lady Joanne and half-sister to classic winner Shackelford (\$3,090,101, Preakness S-G1, Metropolitan H-G1, Clark H-G1, etc.), graded winners Baghdaria and Afleeting Lady and stakes-winning, graded stakes-placed Stephanoatsee. Shackelford ranked in the top-10 among sires on the nation's freshman sires list in 2016, and tied for second by number of winners, which included graded winner Wellabled. ■



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## FIRST WINNER FOR WILDCAT BRIEF

Wildcat Brief got his first winner from his first crop Jan. 9 at Parx Racing when Bubba's Will earned the victory after being banged around in the stretch in a maiden race. The 3-year-old colt, racing for V and R Stable and trained by Phil Aristone, was bred in New Jersey by Ross Restuccio out of the stakes-placed mare Out of the Will (by Will's Way), an earner of \$224,090.

Owner Frank Vento has stood Wildcat Brief at Foxfield Farm in Oxford, Pa., since 2015. The son of Forest Wildcat, a stakes-winning Grade 1-placed sprinter, retired to stud at Walnford Stud in Allentown, N.J., in 2013 and covered small books his first two seasons. He has five 3-year-olds and one 2-year-old.

Wildcat Brief won six races and \$340,570 from 27 starts. A winner of Monmouth Park's Icecapade Stakes, he counted the Grade 1 Vosburgh among his four stakes-placings.

Out of the winning Grindstone mare Grisham, a half-sister to stakes winners Queen's Gray Bee (\$416,565, Remington Park Derby, etc.), Melrose Avenue (Queen's Vase S-G3, etc., in England) and Dysham, he descends from the influential \*Beaver Street and is from the family of champions Sakhee's Secret and Permessio, millionaire Arson Squad and Grade 1 winners Ermine, Royal and Regal and Kentucky Oaks winner Native Street. ■



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# By the Numbers: 2016

## Leading PA-Bred earners

- 1) Finest City, \$823,200
- 2) Tom's Ready, \$612,047
- 3) Al's Gal, \$566,150
- 4) Page McKenney, \$429,000
- 5) Mor Spirit, \$388,000

## Number of PA-Bred stakes winners

- Total 51
- 7 - 2-year-olds
  - 14 - 3-year-olds
  - 9 - 4-year-olds
  - 21 - 5 and up

## PA-Bred graded stakes winners

Total 12

**AL'S GAL**—\$500,000 E.P. Taylor Stakes-G1

**DARK NILE**—\$300,000 Delaware Oaks-G3

**FINEST CITY**—

\$200,000 Great Lady M Stakes-G2

\$1,000,000 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1

**ILLUMINANT**—\$300,000 Gamely Stakes-G1

**LIL ROCKERFELLER**—

\$56,886 National Spirit Hurdle-G2 (England)

**LUCY N ETHEL**—

\$100,000 Old Hat Stakes-G3

\$300,000 Prioress Stakes-G2

**MOR SPIRIT**—\$150,000 Robert B. Lewis Stakes-G3

**PAGE MCKENNEY**—\$250,000 General George Stakes-G3

**RES JUDICATA**—\$100,000 Salvator Mile Stakes-G3

**ROYAL DADDY**—Clasico Sprinter-G3 (Dominican Republic)

**SPELLING AGAIN**—\$250,000 Princess Rooney Stakes-G2

**TOM'S READY**—

\$500,000 Woody Stephens Stakes-G2

\$100,000 Ack Ack Handicap-G3

## Top runners in 2016 by lifetime earnings

- 1) Page McKenney, \$1,405,978
- 2) Finest City, \$925,594
- 3) Favorite Tale, \$900,266
- 4) Al's Gal, \$750,120
- 5) Mor Spirit, \$676,400

## Leading breeders of PA-Bred stakes winners

George Strawbridge Jr. (4): Beyond Henry, Joyful Thing, Spelling Again, Valued Strike

The Elkstone Group LLC (3): Diamond Dollar, Edge of Reality, Mor Spirit

Blackstone Farm LLC (2): Dark Nile, Tom's Ready

HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (2): Finest City, Mister Nofty

J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. (2): Lucy N Ethel, Roxbury N Overton

Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk (2): Disco Chick, Royal Daddy

Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III (2): Downhill Racer, Rose Tree

Sycamore Hall Farm LLC (2): Devilish Love, Illuminant

## Leading PA sires\*

- 1) Jump Start, \$5,835,949
- 2) Rockport Harbor, \$3,798,074
- 3) Silver Train, \$2,547,818
- 4) Fairbanks, \$2,195,952
- 5) Lord Shanakill, \$1,720,879

## Leading PA sires by number of stakes winners\*

- Jump Start - 7
- Rockport Harbor - 5
- Bullsbay - 2
- Medallist - 2
- Silver Train - 2

## Leading PA sires of 2-year-olds\*

- 1) Jump Start, \$377,339
- 2) Bullsbay, \$304,555
- 3) Weigelia, \$128,755
- 4) Cal Nation, \$122,655
- 5) Silver Train, \$117,597

\*Includes international runners



# Pennsylvania News Briefs

## NEW START RECIPIENT OF EQUINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES DONATION

New Start, the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolence and Protective Association (PA HBPA) retired racehorse re-homing program, was named grand prize winner in the Zoetis Equine Charity Sweepstakes. The equine charity in Grantville, Pa., received a \$5,000 cash donation from Zoetis on behalf of the nominating veterinarian, Dr. David Marshall. Dr. Marshall nominated New Start while attending the 2016 American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Annual Convention. He practices veterinary medicine at Penn National Race Course.

"This is the first sweepstakes I've ever won – it's a wonderful contest to win because I can pass on the value to an organization in need and help support the equine industry," said Dr. Marshall. "My responsibility at the racetrack, in part, is

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racers, eventers, polo mounts, pleasure horses and more.

"We are so appreciative of the support Zoetis has provided and the opportunity to utilize these funds to help more horses find second careers," said Lauren Zagnit, New Start's program coordinator.

"Zoetis is committed to working together with veterinarians, horse owners and equine professionals to help improve health and wellness for all horses," said Sally Amt-

mann, senior equine marketing manager, Zoetis. "We are pleased to extend our industry support to provide New Start with resources to assist in managing the horses in their care."

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homes for racehorses before beginning their second careers."

New Start has helped re-home more than 350 former racehorses over the past three years. The program focuses on placing horses where they will succeed in second careers as show horses, barrel





# PHBA Dates to Remember

## Reminders for Breeders

**PHBA Membership Form and Dues:** March 31

**Broodmare Domicile:** Nov. 1 or 14 days after a public sale

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

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

**Stallion Registration for next breeding season:**

February 15 of year breeding or before any mares are bred.

Check out the "Calendar of Events & Reminders" section at [www.pabred.com](http://www.pabred.com) for more reminders and upcoming PA-Bred stakes, members' events, and more.

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# Stakes Schedule for PA-Breds offers \$2.2 million in 2017



We are excited that we are again able to offer in 2017, 22 Pennsylvania Bred restricted stakes races, worth a total of \$2.2 million in purses. We are also continuing the 25% bonus for all PA-Sired PA-Bred horses finished first through third in all restricted stakes.

“2017 will be an exciting year for Pennsylvania-Breds as we continue to payout approximately \$30 million in awards, bonuses, and purses,” said PHBA Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello.

The date for Pennsylvania's Day At the Races is set for Saturday, Sept. 2 at Parx Racing, with five stakes scheduled on the card for PA-Breds.

For closing dates, updates and changes, contact the racing office or check the tracks' websites on a regular basis. ■

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

Proposed 2017 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 29, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Lyman S</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 3, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 9, 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 22, 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. 5, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 6, PID	<b>\$100,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.

## Pennsylvania's Day At the Races

Sat., Sept. 2, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	<b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3 & up, F&M, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 3, PID	<b>\$100,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 17, PID	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 23, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 7, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 22, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 2, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,200,000

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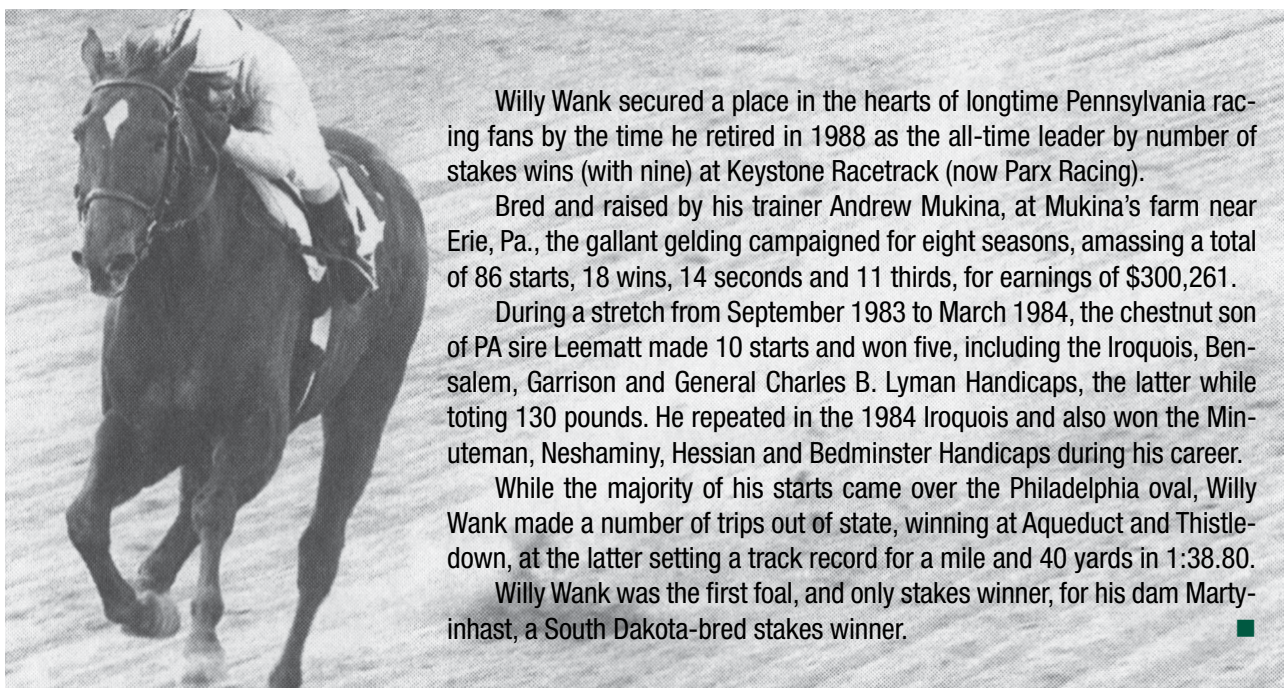
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# Blasts From The Past

## WILLY WANK

1978, by Leematt—Martyinhast, by Hi-Hasty. Bred by Andrew H. Mukina; owned by Anita Czech; trained by Andrew H. Mukina.



Willy Wank secured a place in the hearts of longtime Pennsylvania racing fans by the time he retired in 1988 as the all-time leader by number of stakes wins (with nine) at Keystone Racetrack (now Parx Racing).

Bred and raised by his trainer Andrew Mukina, at Mukina's farm near Erie, Pa., the gallant gelding campaigned for eight seasons, amassing a total of 86 starts, 18 wins, 14 seconds and 11 thirds, for earnings of \$300,261.

During a stretch from September 1983 to March 1984, the chestnut son of PA sire Leematt made 10 starts and won five, including the Iroquois, Bensalem, Garrison and General Charles B. Lyman Handicaps, the latter while toting 130 pounds. He repeated in the 1984 Iroquois and also won the Minuteman, Neshaminy, Hessian and Bedminster Handicaps during his career.

While the majority of his starts came over the Philadelphia oval, Willy Wank made a number of trips out of state, winning at Aqueduct and Thistle-down, at the latter setting a track record for a mile and 40 yards in 1:38.80.

Willy Wank was the first foal, and only stakes winner, for his dam Martyinhast, a South Dakota-bred stakes winner. ■



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# Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



## UNIQUE BELLA

f, 3, Tapit - Unrivaled Belle  
Won - LAS VIRGENES S-G2, Santa Anita, \$200,000, 1M, 3YO, F, 2/5.



## FAST AND ACCURATE

c, 3, Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance  
Won - SAGE OF MONTICELLO S, Gulfstream Park, \$60,000, 7 1/2F, 3YO, 2/20.



## STORM ADVISORY

h, 5, Weigelia - Storminthewoods  
Won - KING COTTON S, Oaklawn Park, \$125,000, 6F, 4YO/UP, 2/4.

## MOR SPIRIT

r, 4, Eskendereya - Im a Dixie Girl.  
2nd - SAN ANTONIO S-G2, Santa Anita, \$300,000, 1 1/16M, 4YO/UP, 2/4.

## POWER OF SNUNNER

m, 7, Power by Far - Snunner  
2nd - BAYAKOA S-G3, Oaklawn Park, \$150,000, 1 1/16M, 4YO/UP, F/M, 2/18.

## PAGE MCKENNEY

g, 7, Eavesdropper - Winning Grace  
2nd - JOHN B. CAMPBELL S, Laurel Park, \$75,000, 1 1/8M, 4YO/UP, 2/18.

## PA-Bred Bonus Babies



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### Hasty Miss

Foaled 2009 by Delaware Township out of Wind Drinker  
10 starts in PA, 2 wins

*Lifetime Earnings: \$125,991*

*PA Breeding Fund money earned by his connections  
(Breeder & Stallion Awards and Owner Bonuses): \$66,554.40*

# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	924	373,124	0	374,048	Sylmar Farm Inc.	130,005	0	0	130,005
Barlar LLC	192,534	72,377	0	264,911	Blackstone Farm LLC	126,036	3,307	0	129,343
Michael W. Jester	127,338	99,457	0	226,795	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	108,936	0	0	108,936
Patricia L. Chapman	126,109	99,761	0	225,870	Godstone Farm LP	85,177	22,466	0	107,643
Thomas G. McClay	215,786	0	0	215,786	Kenneth L. Ramsey	49,073	51,260	0	100,333
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	101,267	87,141	0	188,408	Everest Stables Inc.	41,063	58,250	0	99,314
Xanthus Farms Inc.	170,951	16,675	0	187,625	Henry R. Nothhaft	33,549	64,295	0	97,844
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	182,739	0	0	182,739	Pewter Stable	80,521	15,797	0	96,319
Charles A. Cuprill	134,926	43,735	0	178,661	Donald L. Brown Jr.	78,840	7,051	0	85,891
William J. Solomon VMD	58,927	116,445	0	175,373	Kathryn Goldenberg	56,996	27,396	0	84,392
George Strawbridge Jr.	101,628	56,866	0	158,494	Flint W. Stites	58,895	25,046	0	83,941
The Elkstone Group LLC	141,700	0	0	141,700	Smart Angle LLP	78,020	0	0	78,020
Glenn E. Brok LLC	128,623	12,769	0	141,392	Kaz Hill Farm	76,251	0	0	76,251
St. Omer's Farm	131,143	0	0	131,143	Hope Hill Farm	63,143	12,092	0	75,235

## 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.	419	237,697	Monba	Triton Farms LLC	139	36,792
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	179	99,761	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	148	36,323
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	180	87,141	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	134	33,635
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	264	82,894	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	121	33,344
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	163	72,377	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc.	65	32,365
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	137	64,295	Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	86	31,204
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	141	58,250	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	71	30,403
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	166	56,866	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	123	29,559
Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	142	51,260	Emperor Tiberius	Kathryn Goldenberg	26	20,075
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	195	42,719	Gimmeawink	Richard N. Miller	99	19,773
Trust N Luck	Michael W. Jester	77	41,777	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	70	18,650
City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	158	37,271	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	97	17,853

## 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
Roxbury N Overton *	Andiron - Centennial Cat	Jettany Thoroughbred Corp	6	0	60,000	61,764	20,588	0	31,680	174,032
A Fleet Attitude	Afleet Alex - Lucky Lefty	Timothy F. Ritchey	7	0	60,000	49,471	0	0	45,416	154,887
Disco Chick *	Jump Start - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	3	0	80,000	48,000	16,000	6,000	0	150,000
Saratoga Jack *	Emperor Tiberius - Thinkoutsidethebox	Kathryn Goldenberg	6	0	60,000	47,986	15,995	0	18,564	142,546
Trace of Grace *	Petionville - Joy to Run	W M T Stables Inc.	9	0	66,000	44,735	14,912	0	16,773	142,420
Fat Kat *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	6	0	63,000	42,532	14,177	0	16,272	135,981
Lucabunny *	Silver Train - Record High	Gunpowder Farms LLC	8	0	60,000	34,802	11,601	0	7,718	114,121
Granny's Kitten	Kitten's Joy - Granny Franny	Kenneth L. Ramsey	3	0	91,000	18,200	0	0	0	109,200
Valued Strike	Smart Strike - Deputy Valuation	George Strawbridge Jr.	5	0	77,000	22,724	0	0	5,220	104,944
Red Razzo *	Toccet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	9	0	0	52,553	17,518	0	33,456	103,526
Diamond Dollar	Not For Love - Ruby Rubles	The Elkstone Group LLC	5	0	71,000	21,220	0	0	8,100	100,320
Winning the Medal *	Medallist - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	3	0	60,000	26,868	8,956	0	4,160	99,984
Devilwentogeorgia	Devil His Due - Stitznwolf	Samantha E. Kamen	4	0	80,000	17,571	0	0	2,244	99,815
Runs for Luck *	Trust N Luck - Runs Like L	Melissa Houghton	12	0	0	51,392	17,131	0	30,918	99,441
Downhill Racer *	Jump Start - Encore Saritta	Rodman W. Moorhead III	2	0	60,000	28,494	9,498	0	0	97,992
Kobel	Sequoiah - April Lady	Donald Clifford Wilson	3	0	63,000	21,072	0	0	12,960	97,032
Duval	Kodiak Kowboy - Sahmkindawonderful	Mark J. Reid Sr.	8	0	0	42,488	0	0	50,640	93,128
Rowd E Allie *	E Dubai - Pining	Two-Turn Farm LLC	5	0	0	45,558	15,186	0	32,280	93,024
Bound *	Jump Start - China Sky	Barlar LLC	3	0	63,000	22,500	7,500	0	0	93,000
Dynamic Strike	Smart Strike - Dynamic Deputy	Fitzhugh LLC	4	0	60,000	21,360	0	0	10,800	92,160

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