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Master Command

Ten years ago it was hard to find a hotter handicap horse in training than Master Command, a handsome chestnut son of A.P. Indy on a three-stakes win streak.

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Glenn and Becky Brok purchased their first farm in rural Pennsylvania in the mid-1980s, and as the operation continued to grow, eventually built their 100-acre dream farm from the ground up in Mohrsville.



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Uncle Lino Increases Sire Power at Northview PA

By Linda Dougherty

Just in time for the 2017 breeding season, Northview PA announced it has added Uncle Lino, a track record-setting, Grade 1-placed son of the record-shattering young sire Uncle Mo, to its stallion roster.

Uncle Lino, who sports an outstanding female family, becomes the first son of Uncle Mo to stand in the Mid-Atlantic region. His stud fee is \$4,000 live foal, and a limited number of lifetime breeding rights are also being offered.

Richard Golden, President and CEO of Northview PA, said the farm had been seeking a son of Uncle Mo in light of that



stallion's popularity and great success, and the fact that several of his sons had been retired to stud for 2017, including Kentucky Derby-G1 winner and 2-year-old champion Nyquist.

"We were aware of Uncle Lino a while ago but his owners, which included his trainer (Gary Sherlock), were not willing to part with him," said Golden, who added that Uncle Lino checked all their boxes. "Eventually, the more we talked about his career as a stallion and how we valued Uncle Lino, we were able to strike a deal."

Uncle Lino had been based on the West Coast with Sherlock, where he compiled a fine racing record. From eight starts, he won twice and placed four times, earning \$316,160. He ran six times from January through May 2016, and set a track record in winning the \$150,000 California Chrome Stakes at Los Alamitos in April.

In the California Chrome, he led at every call, completing the $1\frac{1}{16}$ -mile distance in 1:40.82, breaking the previous mark set by Grade 1 winner Dortmund.

Uncle Lino began his career at Del Mar, where he just missed by a neck in a five-furlong maiden special weight after dueling nearly the entire way. He then broke his maiden in his next start, also at Del Mar, in which he wired the field in a 6½-furlong maiden special weight, defeating 11 rivals while setting fractions of :22.02, :45.08 and 1:09.58, sweeping under the wire nearly three lengths in front in 1:16.28.

The first stakes race of his 3-year-old campaign was a second-place finish in the Grade 3, \$150,000 Robert B. Lewis Stakes at Santa Anita to Pennsylvania-bred Mor Spirit, and then was third behind Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Exaggerator and Mor Spirit in the Grade 1, \$1 million Santa Anita Derby. His final career start was in the Grade 1 Preakness Stakes.

Golden also wanted to stand Uncle Lino at Northview PA because of his strong female family.

"His female family had always attracted us to him," said Golden. "His second dam is loaded with multiple graded stakes winnersvery impressive."

Uncle Lino is out of the stakes-placed Orientate mare Haysee, a full sister to Alabama Stakes-G1 winner Lady Joanne and a half-sister to classic winner Shackleford, who earned \$3.090.101 and

won the Preakness Stakes, Metropolitan Handicap-G1 and Clark Handicap-G1. Haysee is also a half to graded winners Baghdaria and Afleeting Lady, as well as stakes-winning, graded stakes-placed Stephanoatsee.

Shackleford has proven to be a top young stallion, 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.

Uncle Lino's sire, Uncle Mo, has sired a record 21 stakes winners in his first crop, and was the third-ranked stallion in the nation in 2016 with progeny earnings of \$12.3 million, as well as the top second-crop sire.

Currently, there are only four other sons of Uncle Mo at stud, which include Nyquist (stud fee: \$40,000) and Outwork (stud fee: \$15,000), winner of the Grade 1 Wood Memorial and more than \$700,000.

"Uncle Lino is a well-balanced, pretty horse who stands 16.2 hands, and is a very nice mover," said Paul O'Loughlin, bloodstock manager at Northview PA. "There's been a lot of interest in him from breeders. It's very exciting."

Golden added that on Feb. 18 the farm held an open house on short notice to introduce Uncle Lino.

"The turnout was excellent and the response to Uncle Lino could not have been better," said Golden. "We were very happy with the amount of breeding rights that were purchased."

Uncle Lino joins an outstanding stallion roster at Northview PA, which include the Mid-Atlantic's leading sire Jump Start, young sire

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The Future is Bright for Diamond B Farm

By Nikki Sherman

Many of the great breeding operations of the past two centuries have been family dynasties. For example, Civil War veteran Capt. Richard Hancock created Ellerslie Farm in Virginia, and within four generations, that farm had relocated to Paris, Ky., where it is now known as Claiborne Farm, home to legendary stallions over the decades, including Secretariat. Another historical landmark was the original family ownership of Calumet Farm in Lexington, Ky. Established in 1924 by William Monroe Wright and subsequently run by his son Warren Wright, Calumet Farm became a powerhouse in horse racing, capturing an unprecedented and likely unsurpassable two Triple Crown sweeps with Whirlaway and Citation and sending out a legion of champions.

In recent years, many breeding farms have moved away from this type of close-knit operation in order to bring together some of the brightest minds in the industry. For example, John Magnier's Ashford Stud in Versailles, Ky., is one of the largest breeding operations in the country and his management team includes some of the best horsemen in the world.

However, shortly after Ashford Stud opened its doors to some of the wealthiest horsemen in the country, a young couple set about returning their own breeding business to a focus on family. Glenn and Becky Brok purchased their first farm in rural Pennsylvania in the mid-1980s, built a 10-stall barn in 1988 and slowly added on over the years.

"It's always been my wife Becky and I. I couldn't have the success without my wife and the hard work that she puts in every day. We also have two daughters but for a good number of years I didn't think they had any interest in horses," laughed Glenn Brok. "Sarah always loved going to Saratoga with me in mid-August. She'd walk hots for Linda Rice. Then one day she said she wanted to go to the racetrack. Sarah got involved with Patti Miller and started pinhooking horses. My youngest daughter Samantha always took riding les-



sons and she's turned into quite an accomplished equestrian. Now they're both living at home on the farm with their husbands."

The Broks' operation continued to grow and by the turn of the century, it became clear that they had outgrown the farm. Becky Brok found a beautiful tract of land in Mohrsville, Pa. In 2003, the family began to build their 100-acre dream farm from the ground up, and christened the facility Diamond B Farm.

Diamond B Farm has attracted some of the biggest and most successful Pennsylvania breeders, including Ken and Sarah Ramsey, whose multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire Real Solution was raised at Diamond B Farm. Also raised on the farm were Grade 2 winner Emotional Kitten, stakes winners Gung Ho, Rodeo Licious, Rolin with Olin, and stakes-placed runners Hollywood Talent and Siete de Oros.

The future looks even brighter, with the recent stallion addition of Peace and Justice (above), who is the only son of War Front standing in Pennsylvania for 2017. Peace and Justice packs a

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imate horse out of a Smart Strike mare. The connections are good with Steve Young and the many clients that he has. Brian Sanfratello, the Executive Secretary of the PA Horse Breeders Association, has said that we need to bring relevant stallions to Pennsylvania and with Peace and Justice, we're looking to do just that."

Another stallion on the Diamond B Farm roster who is turning heads is sophomore stallion Uptowncharlybrown. The stakes-winning son of Limehouse finished out 2016 ranked third on Pennsylvania's first-crop sire list from a small group of just five runners, including a 22½-length winner named Alan's Legacy. This year has already started out strong, as Midtowncharlybrown broke his maiden by 111/2 lengths in a maiden special weight at Penn National Race Course.

"When (owner) Bob Hutt asked us to take Uptowncharlybrown, he had been at another farm where they weren't getting mares to him and it honestly didn't look promising. So many people have stallions and a lot of people are emotionally attached to them," admitted Glenn Brok. "But Bob is a brilliant marketing person. He made that deal where you pay when you win. (Trainer) Eddie Coletti is doing a great job with his babies and Bob is doing a great job promoting. Now that the horses are running, the phones won't stop ringing. He's a big, strong horse and he throws a big, strong horse."

In addition to their breeding operation, Diamond B Farm also offers bloodstock services for clients. Glenn Brok was able to purchase two stakes winners last winter for M M G Stables LLC, including Undulated, a son of Curlin who captured the Swynford Stakes at Woodbine Racecourse in November. However, the highlight of the sale came with the purchase of an Exchange Rate colt named El

Areeb who is currently a favorite on the Kentucky Derby trail.

"I just loved (El Areeb)," remembered Glenn Brok. "We bought

Undulated for \$625,000, who has done us well and was third to

Irish War Cry a month or so ago in Maryland. But the whole time, I

knew El Areeb was selling on the last day. It's been a fun ride for as

cially now that daughter Sarah and her husband Carlos are back

at home. In addition to Sarah's experience with Patti Miller of EQB

Agents and Consultants, Carlos Estrada was previously the head

The next step is to continue building their sales agency, espe-

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punch with his pedigree, too-his female family traces back to 1965 Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old filly What a Treat. In addition, he is a half-brother to Grade 2 winner Hudson Steele and stakes-placed Lauren Byrd. The 7-year-old stallion is available to breeders for just \$3,500, stands and nurses.

"We had the best turnout for our stallion show ever." Glenn Brok noted. "I think people are very excited about having a War Front stallion in Pennsylvania. He's big, handsome, well-balanced, and a legit-

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El Padrino, and established sires Bullsbay, Medallist and Fairbanks.

Jump Start, who stands the 2017 season for \$10,000, is the sire of 52 stakes winners and 104 stakes horses. He has lifetime progenv earnings of over \$47.9 million and his runners earned over \$5.3 million in 2016.

Beginning in January, Pennsylvania-sired breeder awards increased from 30 percent to 40 percent of the purse earned on all races (1st through 3rd) with no cap on earnings, making it extremely lucrative for

breeders to choose Pennsylvania stallions for their mares and foal in the state. In addition, there are 22 Pennsylvania-bred stakes races in 2017, with a 25 percent bonus for PA-sired horses that finish 1st through 3rd.

According to Golden, Pennsylvania owners and breeders must feel very good about the changes. "It is not only the increase in funds that will be available to the breeders and owners but the thought that the executive regime in Pennsylvania was willing to do something positive for our industry."

Northview PA, which opened for business in 2009, is located on Little Britain Church Road in Peach Bottom, Lancaster County, on 180 acres of fertile farmland. The farm features an eight-stall stallion barn, breeding shed, management and booking office, and two 20-stall brood-

mare/foaling barns.

long as it lasts."

For more information about Uncle Lino, including lifetime breeding rights, as well as information about all the Northview PA stallions, contact Paul O'Loughlin at 443-566-2996 or business manager Linda Bench at 410-885-2855.

showman for Four Star Sales and handled the sales prep for Travers Stakes-G1 winner Keen Ice. Becky Brok and Samantha Brok-Potts are also teaming up in the racehorse aftercare industry and have adopted a horse through Turning for Home to compete in the Retired Racehorse Project's 2017 Thoroughbred Makeover. That gelding, named Derby Day Kit-

Clearly, the future is shining bright on Diamond B Farm, and it is certainly assisted by the excellent program for Pennsylvania breeders.

ten, was born right at Diamond B Farm.

"I think the PA-Bred program is the best in the world," said Glenn Brok. "We have three racetracks, three surfaces, millions of dollars. People that don't realize how great our program is, that's their loss. It's the best-kept secret in the industry. I'll just keep sending my wife to the mailbox to collect the money!"



Fast and Accurate on Derby trail with Grade 3 Spiral win

Fast and Accurate is every owner's dream. In an incredibly short period of time, just three starts since December, the gray PA-Bred son of Hansen has gone from winning a maiden claimer to a graded stakes, with enough points to make it into the Kentucky Derby-G1 field. The 3-year-old colt trained by Mike Maker made the huge leap in Turfway Park's \$500,000 Jack Cincinnati Casino Spiral Stakes-G3 on March 25, where he produced enough speed to stalk the early pace in the 11-horse field, took command down the stretch and dug in to turn back late rushers while winning by three-quarters of a length going a mile and an eighth over the synthetic track. The win was worth 50 points and landed him in seventh on the Kentucky Derby leaderboard—only the top 20 point earners will be eligible to start. Unfortunately, Fast and Accurate was not nominated to the Derby during the first two Triple Crown nomination periods, just missing the late-closing deadline on March 20, which cost \$6,000. To be eligible to compete in the Derby, his connections will need to supplement him for \$200,000, which they've indicated they are willing to do. The winner's share of the Spiral purse was \$285,000, which boosted the colt's career total to \$340,362.

Bred by John Penn out of the Green Dancer mare It's Heidi's Dance, a half-sister to Super Derby-G2 winner My Pal Charlie and additional graded winners Bwana Bull and Bwana Charlie. Fast and Accurate was purchased for \$85,000 as a 2-year-old at Ocala by Dr. Kendall Hansen, the same person who named and campaigned the colt's champion sire. Immediately following the Spiral, Harvey Diamond's Skychai Racing purchased an interest, with Hansen remaining the majority owner.

"I think this is the first PA-bred I have owned," said Diamond, adding that "the PA breeding was a significant factor," when considering the part-ownership. Skychai Racing was also a partner in Hansen, winner of the 2011 Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 and ninth in the 2012 Kentucky Derby, and other Skychai horses to start in the Derby included General a Rod and Twinspired. "The Derby experiences are great, but you have to have faith in the horse that he'll do something after the Derby," noted Diamond. "After the Derby we'll start looking at some of those lucrative Pennsylvania races."

Fast and Accurate captured the Sage of Monticello Stakes at Gulfstream Park in his only other start this year. At 2, he was second in a Presque Isle Downs maiden special weight, and tested stakes company next out in the Mark McDermott Stakes for PA-breds at Presque Isle, finishing fourth. He broke his maiden for a \$30,000 tag at Turfway on Dec. 4, winning by three lengths.



A Letter From the Executive Secretary



One of the most exciting racing days of the year is coming up! PA Bred Fast and Accurate is headed to the Kentucky Derby. The grey colt was bred in Pennsylvania by John R. Penn, and is owned by Dr. Kendall Hansen and Skychai Racing, headed by Harvey Diamond. We wish Fast and Accurate and his connections the best of luck. In 2016, PA Breds were winners of 12 graded stakes. As of March 29, 2017, PA Breds have already won six graded stakes. Pennsylvania breeding can take you places you've only dreamed about – the winner's circle in some of the biggest races in the country.

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/Brian Sanfratello



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PA Stallion News Briefs

FIRST FOAL FOR BROAD RULE

Casey and Sally Barnes welcomed the first foal by home stallion Broad Rule on March 20 at their Pheasant House Farm in Dallastown. "It doesn't get much more PA-Bred than this little filly," wrote Sally Barnes in a recent email. "She's by PA stallion Broad Rule, out of a PA-bred, sired and raced mare, Oh So Glittery, by Cetewayo."

Multiple stakes winner Broad Rule entered stud at Pheasant House Farm off a career in which he raced six years, made 51 starts, won back-to-back runnings of the 6-furlong Fire Plug Stakes at Laurel, had six stakes-placings, including a third in the General George Handicap-G3 and earned \$435.895.

A son of Dixie Union, and half-brother to Grade 1-winning millionaire and top sire Include and seven other stakes performers, Broad Rule stands for \$1.000 live foal.

His dam, graded stakes winner Illeria, produced 13 foals, all starters, 10 winners and eight earners of more than \$100,000. In addition to Grade 1 Pimlico Special Stakes winner Include, Illeria is also the dam of stakes winners Magic Broad, winner of the Grade 3 Selima; \$645,330-earner Encaustic, and Magical Broad, and stakes-placed Implicit, Loaded Brush, Invent and Officer's Holiday.

Broad Rule's second dam, Baldski's Holiday, and third dam, Verset Holiday, were also stakes winners.



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UNIQUE BELLA SIDELINED

The most exciting 3-year-old of 2017, PA-Bred Unique Bella, has been sidelined due to a sore shin and will miss at least two months

the distance. In the Santa Ysabel she proved unstoppable as she got pinched and blocked right after the break, pushed her way through

rivals going into the first turn

and took control of the mile

and a sixteenth test at Santa

Anita by the time they had

gone a half mile. She was nev-

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stands at 5-4-1-0 for earnings

of \$342,400. The second foal

out of Breeders' Cup Ladies'

Classic-G1 winner and million-

With the Santa Ysabel vic-

and a quarter lengths.

according to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer on March 28. The big gray daughter of Tapit owned by Don Alberto Stable is thus knocked out of the two Grade 1 stakes in which she would have been the overwhelming favorite—the Santa Anita Oaks on April 8 and the Kentucky Oaks on May 6. She had been the even-money favorite on the last Kentucky Oaks future book wager held in late February.

In her three starts this year, Unique Bella was barely test-

ed, winning the Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes in January, the Grade 2 Las Virgenes Stakes in February, and the Grade 3 Santa Ysabel Stakes on March 4 by daylight margins as she gradually increased



aire Unrivaled Belle, Unique Bella was sold for \$400,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling sale by her breeder, Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable.



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

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Stallion Registration for next breeding season:

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\$2.75 million Stakes Schedule for PA-Breds kicks off in April



The PA-Bred stakes calendar kicks off in April with two seven-furlong sprints for older runners at Parx Racing the final Saturday of the month. The closing date for the Lyman Stakes and Foxy J. G. Stakes (the latter for fillies and mares) is April 15.

There are 22 Pennsylvania Bred restricted stakes races on the schedule for 2017, worth a total of \$2.75 million in purses. Also continuing is the 25% bonus for all PA-Sired PA-Bred horses finishing 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 additional closing dates, updates and changes, contact the racing office or check the tracks' websites on a regular basis.

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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	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 3, Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi., turf
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 New Start S, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 9, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 22, 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. 5, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 11⁄16 mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 6, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S, 3YO fillies, 1 mi.

Pennsylvania's Day At the Races

Sat., Sept. 2, Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S, 3 & up 6 fur.	
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 11⁄16 mi.	
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S, 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. 3, PID		
Sun., Sept. 17, PID		
Sat., Sept. 23, Parx		
Sat., Oct. 7, Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi.	
Wed., Nov. 22, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.	
Sat., Dec. 2, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S, 2YO colts and geldings, 7 fur.	



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Blasts From The Past

MASTER COMMAND

2002, by A.P. Indy—Lady Lochinvar, by Lord At War (Arg). Bred by Brushwood Stable; owned by Aaron and Marie Jones; trained by Todd A. Pletcher.



Ten years ago it was hard to find a hotter handicap horse in training than Master Command.

The handsome chestnut son of A.P. Indy kicked off his 5-year-old season in February 2007 with a dominating win in Fair Grounds' Mineshaft Handicap-G3, carrying top weight and scoring by six lengths while setting a stakes record of 1:42.28 for one and a sixteenth miles. One month later, it was a near repeat as he gave away more weight and captured the New Orleans Handicap-G2 by three and a half lengths.

Fast forward six weeks, and a trip north to Hawthorne yielded a three and three-quarterlength victory in the National Jockey Club Handicap-G3. Not only was it his fifth graded stakes win, but it pushed his earnings past the \$1 million mark in his 15th career start.

Bred by Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable, Master Command raced his entire career for Aaron and Marie Jones. A \$650,000 Saratoga sales yearling, the colt took time to mature, not breaking his maiden until his fourth start late in his 3-yearold season and recording his first stakes victory at Pimlico on the Preakness Day undercard in the William Donald Schaefer Handicap-G3 the next May. After adding the Meadowlands Breeders' Cup Stakes-G2 that fall he was named PA-Bred champion older male, a title he would repeat in 2007.

On the board in 12 of 17 lifetime starts, Master Command took his career on the road, racing at a dozen different tracks, from Gulfstream to Prairie Meadows, Saratoga to Churchill Downs, and recording victories at Belmont, Aqueduct, Gulfstream, Pimlico, Meadowlands, Fair Grounds and Hawthorne. He retired with earnings of \$1,137,188 and entered stud at Taylor Made Stallions in Kentucky.

The flashy stallion was extremely popular, covering more than 260 mares his first two seasons, and was well booked for his third when he severely injured himself when rearing and losing his balance in a breeding shed accident in April 2010. While attempts were made to save him, he failed to recover from the fall. In his short time at stud, Master Command sired nearly a dozen stakes winners including Hollywood Derby-G1 winner Unbridled Command and multiple graded winner Master Rick. His 22 named foals in his final crop included Kentucky Derby-G1 runnerup Commanding Curve and two stakes winners.



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FAST AND ACCURATE c, 3, Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance Won - JACK CINCINNATI CASINO SPIRAL S-G3, Turfway Park, \$500,000, 1 1/8M, 3Y0, 3/25.



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MOR SPIRIT r, 4, Eskendereya - Im a Dixie Girl Won - ESSEX H, Oaklawn Park, \$250,000, 4YO/UP, 1 1/16M, 3/18.



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m, 5, Quality Road - Sparkling Number Won - WISHING WELL S, Santa Anita, \$75,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, Abt 6 1/2FT, 3/10.

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m, 5, City Zip-Be Envied 2nd - SANTA MARGARITA S-G1, Santa Anita, \$400,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/8M, 3/18.

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m, 6, Jump Start - Disco Flirt 2nd - CORRECTION S, Aqueduct, \$125,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 3/18. Candy Ride (ARG) - Murky Waters, by Storm Creek

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