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Moving Fast and Accurate Down the Derby Trail

By Emily Shields

When asked about the naysayers who believe that it is “crazy” to supplement Fast and Accurate to the Kentucky Derby, part-owner Harvey Diamond declared, “They’re correct!”

It will take \$200,000 to get Fast and Accurate into the gate for the 143rd Run for the Roses. Although the gray colt secured his spot with 50 points earned during the prep season, he was never Triple Crown nominated. Owner Dr. Kendall Hansen is more than willing to put up the money, but the cost was easier swallowed with a partner, which is where Diamond’s Skychai Racing comes in.

Pennsylvania-bred Fast and Accurate stunned at 24-1 when he won the \$500,000 Jack Cincinnati Casino Spiral Stakes-G3. The shocking win did not surprise Hansen, a former professional handicapper who made a staggering \$58,000 betting on his longshot. It was the biggest victory for Hansen since his namesake, Hansen the horse, won the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile-G1 in 2011.

Although Hansen only stood stateside for one season, and is now standing in South Korea, Dr. Hansen was able to secure several of his offspring from his lone American crop. “I had two sons of Hansen in the race,” the man said, “and at the quarter pole they were side by side, two lengths in front of the rest. I lost my voice screaming, and my wife did, too. We were floating a foot off the ground for several minutes after.”

Within hours of the Spiral victory, the partnership group Skychai Racing had purchased a stake in Fast and Accurate with designs on the Derby. They have been to the Derby before, first with Twinspired in 2011 and then with Hansen in 2012. Skychai bought into 25 percent of Hansen shortly before the colt’s famous Breeders’ Cup win, and though Hansen ran well through the first mile of the Derby, he faded to finish ninth.

“We love running in the Derby,” Diamond said of the partnership. “Luckily this year we were able to find a horse that met all the qualities we thought were needed, with this Derby being wide open.”

Diamond and Jim Shircliff started Skychai Racing, and were joined by David Koenig’s Sand Dollar Stables thereafter. “We’ve been in partnership since 2007,” Diamond explained. “We’ve picked

up a few people here and there along the way, but the three of us basically manage the stable and ultimately we all benefit from the results.”

Dr. Hansen loved his namesake, who retired with five wins in nine starts and earnings of \$1,810,805, but he never suspected he would be back to the Derby with one of Hansen’s sons. “Only in my dreams,” he joked. “I try to stay grounded in reality, so I was very pleasantly surprised. Hansen only has one crop of horses here, so I’m really delighted that he’s proven to be a decent stallion. I thought he might get a few stakes winners, but I didn’t expect to have a chance at the Derby. It’s like winning the lottery.”

Because of Fast and Accurate’s status as a Pennsylvania-bred, a world of stakes possibilities are open to him following the Derby. “I am 100 percent looking at Pennsylvania-bred races,” Dr. Hansen confirmed, citing either the \$100,000 Danzig Stakes on June 3 or the \$100,000 Leematt Stakes on July 9 as possibilities.

John Penn bred Fast and Accurate, who is out of the Green Dancer mare It’s Heidi’s Dance. Although the mare placed three times in California, she never won before retirement. She was sold for a mere \$8,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale, but has gone on to produce six winners from six starters, including Lady Gi, a Holy Bull daughter stakes-placed in Peru.

Dr. Hansen went to \$85,000 to acquire Fast and Accurate, who was unnamed at the time, at the April 2016 OBS Spring Sale of Two Year Olds in Training. “We were going to name him Fast and Furious, but The Jockey Club didn’t like that it was a movie,” Dr. Hansen explained.

Fast and Accurate debuted at Presque Isle Downs on August 22, finishing second in a state-bred maiden race for juveniles on a synthetic track. “I was rushing [trainer] Mike Maker with his training, because I wanted to be ready for the first Pennsylvania-bred stakes race,” Dr. Hansen explained. “On race day I asked, ‘Truthfully, Mike,



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WynOaks Farm: Top Breeders Offer Full-Service Facility

By Linda Dougherty

Just across the Maryland state line, in one of the southernmost areas of York County, is the borough of Delta, Pa., home to Chip and Barbara Wheeler's WynOaks Farm.

The Wheelers established WynOaks in 2005. The farm's bright red-roofed main barn, with its stone walls and wide oaken doors, was modeled after those in Kentucky, and is an eye-catching sight when viewed against the surrounding woods and open countryside.

WynOaks is a full-service, 97-acre Thoroughbred facility, offering boarding, layups, foaling, sales preparation for weanlings, yearlings and breeding stock, as well as private acquisitions and sales. Mating analysis and advice, purchase of stallion seasons, and management of clients' Thoroughbred investments is also available.

Two stallions are standing the 2017 season at WynOaks: Weigelia, one of the best investments for breeders in the Mid-Atlantic region, sireing horses that average more than \$70,000 in earnings from his \$3,500 stud fee; and Rule by Night, a multiple New York stakes-winning son of Malibu Moon, who earned nearly \$250,000.

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. With several decades of experience under their belts in various aspects of the business, the Wheelers hit the ground running when WynOaks opened for business. New pastures and paddocks were fenced, using oak and four-board construction with rounded corners for safety. The run-in sheds are 32' x 64' concrete block construction, which are cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Each pasture is a mix of bluegrass, timothy and clover, and is sampled yearly to test for the proper balance of vitamins and minerals.

The main barn offers 28 stalls with several foaling stalls that include closed-circuit cameras. The Wheelers chose a location for the barn on the property that allows optimal airflow, and each stall has a front and rear door with ceiling fans for ventilation. A separate barn, located near the office, also serves as a foaling facility where pregnant mares are monitored 24 hours a day also via closed-circuit

cameras by experienced and qualified foaling attendants. WynOaks follows a strict foaling protocol and maintains a check list for each mare, including date of last vaccinations, wax monitoring, colostrum loss, time of foaling, placental expulsion and details of the foal.

Mares are stalled nightly and turned out daily in small paddocks for at least 6 to 8 hours. They are fed grain twice daily and given free choice quality alfalfa hay. A full-time broodmare manager is on hand to take care of feeding, grooming, foaling, and minor medical care.

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WynOaks excels in sales preparation and representation, and can take the prospective sales horse from pasture to sales-ready in a timely and professional manner. The Wheelers prepare weanlings, yearlings, mares and older horses for sales throughout the year.

Last year, WynOaks was among the top earners of breeders awards in Pennsylvania, largely based on the Wheelers' strong support of Weigelia. They earned more than \$101,000 in breeder awards and \$87,000 in stallion awards; Weigelia was the third-leading stallion by total stallion awards, behind only Jump Start and Smarty Jones.

"The Pennsylvania program has been very good for us, both as breeders and as stallion owners," said Barbara Wheeler. "It's also great that this year Pennsylvania-sired horses will earn 40 percent. We have strongly supported Weigelia from the beginning, and wanted to give him the best chance to succeed at stud. His progeny have been catching on with trainers in the area, and there has been genuine interest in him from breeders."

Weigelia raced six seasons and won eight stakes, including the Grade 3 Kenny Noe Jr. Handicap. He set two course records, made over \$1 million, ran nine 100-plus Beyer Speed Figures, and placed in Grade 1 competition. He's sired 13 winners of more than \$100,000 (20 percent), and stakes winners are Fat Kat (\$377,868), Brenda's Way (\$350,752), Chippewawhitechief (\$213,887), Barra-

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how ready do you have him? And Mike said, 'Only 50 percent.' I was surprised to run second, because Mike never runs them unless they are at least 70 percent ready."

Fast and Accurate finished 9¾ lengths behind winner Sixers City, but defeated four other rivals. He returned to run fourth against winners, beaten less than 4 lengths by the winner, in the \$100,000 Mark McDermott Stakes, then made his lone start on dirt in a maid-



en race at Parx. "He had bad racing luck," Dr. Hansen said of that effort. "He broke badly and was wide."

Hansen noted that by the time Maker dropped Fast and Accurate in for a \$30,000 claiming tag at Turfway Park last December, the horse, "was doing really good. And then Mike started to cryptically bring him up when I asked about other horses. He always made sure to mention how much he liked this horse."

After winning the grassy Sage of Monticello Stakes at Gulfstream Park in February, Maker's confidence in the colt soared. "A week out from the Spiral he told me he thought we could win," Dr. Hansen recalled.

Fast and Accurate did win, edging his rivals by three quarters of a length under jockey Tyler Gaffalione. Although he is dismissed on most Derby watch lists, Hansen's faith is unwavering. "I think he's going to finish in the top 10," he said. "We might even make squeeze-toys for him like we did for Hansen." White colored squeeze-toys in Hansen's likeness were distributed Derby week in 2012.

In all, Fast and Accurate has earned \$340,362 with three wins and a second in six starts, and Dr. Hansen and his partners are looking forward to their run at history. "He could be 35-1 or higher in the Derby," Hansen said. "He's already proven he can go a mile and an eighth and he galloped out with something left. He seems to be able to run further than his sire. I'd tell people to put money on him." ■

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cuda Wayne (\$221,278) and Storm Advisory (\$302,108), the latter his most recent stakes winner when capturing the \$125,000 King Cotton Stakes at Oaklawn Park on February 4.

Weigelia has also sired graded stakes-placed Disco Rose (\$326,800) and the gritty Pink Princess, who's made 42 starts, won nine times and placed 19 times, and earned \$356,272.

Rule by Night, who is standing his first season in Pennsylvania for \$2,500 live foal, is out of the Silver Deputy mare Silver Reserve, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Boone's Mill. Rule by Night was a \$200,000 yearling and was trained throughout his career by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen. After breaking his maiden at Aqueduct, the chestnut competed nearly exclusively in stakes company, winning the 7-furlong Groovy Stakes at Aqueduct as a 3-year-old in a swift 1:20.67, just a tick off the track record of 1:20.04.

At 4, Rule by Night again came within a shade of the track mark when he won the Duck Dance Stakes at Belmont Park, zipping 6½

furlongs in 1:14.86, just off the record of 1:14.46. He also placed in two more stakes, including the Waldoboro Stakes at Belmont, in which he was narrowly defeated by graded stakes winners Trappe Shot and D'Funnybone.

"He's a good fit for Pennsylvania," said Barbara Wheeler. "He was an incredibly fast horse who met top company. He was precocious and has a very good pedigree, and there aren't many sons of Malibu Moon in the Mid-Atlantic region."

The WynOaks philosophy to raising Thoroughbreds is simple: Give each of the horses entrusted to it by clients the best possible start in life, and the best possible care throughout its career. Since starting their Thoroughbred business more than a decade ago, Chip and Barbara Wheeler have been strong and successful supporters of the Pennsylvania program, and seem poised for continued success in the years ahead

PA-breds honored at the 2016 Parx Horsemen's Awards

By Linda Dougherty

It was a great night for Pennsylvania-breds March 30 as they took home seven of the nine awards in the horse categories, including Horse of the Year, at the 2016 Parx Horsemen's Awards Banquet in Bensalem, Pa.



Dr. Yaroslaw "Jerry" and Maria Kolybabiuk's Disco Chick was named Horse of the Year, as well as top 4-year-old and up filly or mare, based on her outstanding record in 2016, in which she won or placed in nine stakes at seven different racetracks.

The daughter of Pennsylvania stallion Jump Start reeled off three consecutive stakes victories beginning with the My Juliet at Parx Racing May 7, the Skipat at Pimlico May 20, and the Foxy J G at Parx June 4. She earned valuable graded stakes blacktype when she finished third in the Grade 2, \$200,000 Honorable Miss Handicap at Saratoga in late July, and completed the year with earnings of \$285,500.

"We knew she had a good chance to win the older filly or mare award, but we were a little surprised she won Horse of the Year," said Jerry Kolybabiuk, a board member of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. "It's a great honor."

Kolybabiuk, who is of Ukrainian parentage but was born in Austria, is a retired general surgeon who owns Freedom Acres, a 21-acre farm located in Moorestown, NJ. He and his wife built the farm from the ground up – clearing and fencing the property, and building the house and barn.

The farm was named to pay homage Kolybabiuk's parents, who lived under communism in Europe and found freedom in the U.S. Many of Kolybabiuk's first homebreds also had the word "freedom" in their names – American Freedom, voted New Jersey's top turf

horse in 2004, was a graded stakes winner of more than \$645,000, as was Freedom Star, who earned more than \$332,000. Freedom Star's dam, Willie's Luv (also bred and raced by Kolybabiuk), won the Pennsylvania Oaks and over \$200,000.

"We used to foal all our mares at our farm in New Jersey," said Kolybabiuk, "but several years ago we made the switch to Pennsylvania." He cited the uncertainty of the Jersey breeding and racing programs as the reason for making the change.

Kolybabiuk also bred and raced Disco Chick's dam, Disco Flirt. The daughter of Disco Rico has a 4-year-old half-brother to Disco Chick named Yeah Rocky (after Rocky Balboa, said Kolybabiuk) and a 2-year-old filly by Bullsbay named Dancing Bull. She was bred back to Jump Start this spring.

WMT Stables' homebred Trace of Grace, a daughter of Petionville, was voted top 3-year-old filly for 2016.

Trained by T. Bernard Houghton, also the vice president of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Trace of Grace captured the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles October 8, which she easily won by nearly 5 lengths. In addition, the dark bay or brown miss also won a \$42,000 starter allowance against open company at the Bensalem course in mid-September, romping home by more than 7 lengths. She finished the year with earnings of \$148,919.

WMT Stables is the stable name of Houghton and his wife, Shannon. The initials "WMT" stand for the couple's three oldest children: Walker, Madison and Thomas. The filly's name honors their youngest child, Trace.

"She's a tough, hard-hitting filly," said Houghton of Trace of Grace. "You can do anything with her, and she really came into herself last year."

Houghton said that he entered Trace of Grace in the Plum Pretty with another filly he trained, Bound. He thought about scratching Trace of Grace, but left her in and was pleasantly surprised with the victory. The filly is the first stakes winner bred by the couple.

Buttonwood Farm's Downhill Racer, a son of Jump Start, was named the top 2-year-old colt or gelding for 2016.

Downhill Racer was a perfect two-for-two in his juvenile season for trainer Jonathan Sheppard, winning his debut at Penn National in October and then the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes at Parx Racing December 3. He earned \$94,980 in 2016.

Buttonwood Farm is the stable name of Rod and Alice Moorhead of Unionville, Pa. They purchased Downhill Racer's dam, Encore Sarritta, for \$30,000 at the 2013 Keeneland January sale. The Moorheads also bred Rose Tree, who won the \$100,000 Blue Mountain

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Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Penn National, becoming the first owner/breeders to capture the pair of Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old stakes.



◆ Ten Strike Racing's Duval was named top 4-year-old and up horse or gelding, based on his outstanding season in which he won five allowance or allowance/optional claiming events from nine starts, earning \$214,000. Ten Strike Racing, headed by Marshall Gramm and Clay Sanders, was also feted as the track's top owner in 2016.

Bred by Mark Reid and DDS Stables, Duval won from March through December, culminating in a nearly 7-length blowout in a \$54,000 allowance/optional claiming race at 6½ furlongs, in which he zipped the distance in 1:17.36. He earned \$93,128 in breeder and owner bonuses for the year.

A son of Kodiak Kowboy, Duval raced in the midwest in 2015 before being claimed out of a race at Indiana Grand Race Course, in which he was defeated by eventual sprint champion Runhappy, by his current owner. Lifetime, Duval has won eight of 32 starts, and \$382,951.

◆ Morris E. Kernan Jr.'s A Fleet Attitude was honored with two awards at the dinner – Claiming Horse of the Year and Outstanding Claim of the Year.

Bred by Charles Zacney and Tim Ritchey, the son of Afleet Alex raced exclusively at Parx, winning four of his eight starts in 2016, and was claimed by trainer Marcos Zulueta, for \$40,000 August 1 at Parx on behalf of owner Morris E. Kernan Jr.

In his first start after the claim, A Fleet Attitude scored a hard-fought victory in the \$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds at Parx September 3, driving home to win by a half-length in 1:10.01 for the 6 furlongs. He was claimed twice more before the end of the year, completing his season under the stewardship of trainer Scott Lake and owner Richard Malouf.

A Fleet Attitude completed 2016 with a lifetime record of 10 wins from 30 starts and \$579,291, having made every one of those starts in Pennsylvania. ■



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Lil E. Tee: Ground-Breaking Derby Win 25 Years Ago



It seems like yesterday, but it's been a quarter century since Lil E. Tee surprised the world when charging down the stretch in the 118th running of the Kentucky Derby-G1, winning by a length over Casual Lies at odds of nearly 17-1. The world looked on in amazement as the bay Pennsylvania-bred colt fulfilled the Derby dreams of owner W. Cal Partee, trainer Lynn Whiting and jockey Pat Day, while the anticipated winner, juvenile champion Arazi, faded to eighth.

The ultimate rags-to-riches hero, Lil E. Tee became the first winner of the Kentucky Derby foaled in Pennsylvania. Bred by Larry Littman, the once-sickly son of At the Threshold out of Eileen's Moment, by For The Moment, was sold as a yearling for \$2,000. He changed hands again at the 1991 OBS April 2-year-olds in training sale, bringing a bid of \$25,000 from Al Jevremovic. An 11-length maiden breaking win for Jevremovic at Calder that October in his second start so impressed Partee that he paid a reported \$200,000 to add the future Derby winner to his stable.

Lil E. Tee didn't get his first stakes win until March 1992 in the Grade 2 Jim Beam at Turfway Park, and followed with a second-place finish behind Pine Bluff in the Arkansas Derby-G2 before heading to Churchill Downs and racing immortality.

A Letter From the Executive Secretary



In just a few days all eyes will focus on Churchill Downs and the running of the Kentucky Derby. Pennsylvania will be represented by Fast and Accurate and we wish him and all of his connections good luck.

Just added to our program is a bonus for your PA-Sired, PA-Bred who finishes first through third in the 2017 Pennsylvania Derby. The PHBA is offering a \$250,000 bonus to the winner (\$200,000 to the owner and \$50,000 to the breeder), and \$100,000 for second and third (\$75,000 to the owner and \$25,000 to the breeder). It could turn out to be a fantastic payday!

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m, 7, Power by Far-Snunner
2nd - DOUBLEDODGARE S-G3, Keeneland,
\$100,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16M, 4/21

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g, 5, Munnings - Push My Luck
2nd - CAROLINA CUP HURDLE S, Camden,
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SENIOR SENATOR HIGHLIGHTED IN SEGMENT ON 60 MINUTES

Timber racing was featured in a *60 Minutes* segment that aired on Sunday, April 23, and 2016 Maryland Hunt Cup winner Senior Senator, the Pennsylvania-bred gelding looking to repeat in this year's renewal, was a key part of the story. The son of Domestic Dispute bred by Charles C.D. McGill is trained by Joe Davies for owner Irvin Crawford II—Davies provided the background of 7-year-old gelding's colorful history to viewers.

The segment titled "Horse Racing Not For The Faint-Hearted" on the long-running television news magazine was described as "Charlie Rose goes to horse country to report on the centuries-old tradition of 'timber racing,' an exhilarat-



ing and dangerous sport characterized by steep jumps."

The entire segment, as well as a bonus "Overtime" feature, and transcript and photos can be found on the *60 minutes* website at <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/horse-racing-not-for-the-faint-of-heart-the-maryland-hunt-cup/?ftag=CNM-00-10aab7d&linkId=36806349>.

Senior Senator made his first start since last year's Maryland Hunt Cup in the Grand National Timber Stakes on April 22 in Butler, Md., and won by

a length and a half over Old Timer, with 2015 Hunt Cup winner Raven's Choice in third. This year's Hunt Cup is Saturday, April 29, with post time approximately 4 p.m. ■



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



The first two stakes on the PA-Bred calendar, 7-furlong sprints for older runners at Parx Racing the final Saturday of April, have closed with 60 nominations, and count notable names.

The Lyman Stakes, for 3-year-olds and up, closed with 29 nominations. Going off as the eighth race on April 29, a field of 12 has been entered. The morning-line favorite is millionaire Page McKenney, at 5-2; second choice at 7-2 is Someday Jones. Page McKenney returned off a nine-month layoff to win the Native Dancer Stakes at Laurel in January and was second in the John B. Campbell Stakes next out.

The Foxy J. G. Stakes (for fillies and mares, 3 & up), which closed with 31 nominations, has a field of 10 entered. The seventh race on the card is led by heavy hitters Dark Nile, the 2016 Delaware Oaks-G3 winner making her first start since contesting the Grade 1 Alabama at Saratoga; and multiple stakes winner Disco Chick, who has finished second in three outings this year, all stakes: Aqueduct's Interborough and Correction and Laurel's What a Summer. Dark Nile is morning-line 2-1; Disco Chick 3-1.

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.

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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 3, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 17, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 23, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 7, Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 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

CLASSIC PERFORMANCES

Harold, Saunterer, Montaque, Bryn Mawr, Layminster and Smarty Jones—what do these names have in common? All were foaled in Pennsylvania and all won the Preakness.

There is a lot of history in that list of names. The Preakness goes back 144 years, to 1873, and the first Pennsylvania-bred winner came six years later, when Harold captured the seventh running of the race in 1879 as the favorite. His connections were the powerful team of owner George L. Lorillard and trainer Robert Wyndham Walden and he was a son of *Leamington, who became the nation's leading sire by ending the reign of the great Lexington in 1875. Harold was a chestnut colt bred by Aristides Welch, who owned and stood *Leamington at his Erdenheim Stud near Philadelphia. Out of Maggie B. B., Harold was the older (by two years) full brother to Iroquois.

The connections went to the well again and two years later in 1881 came up with Saunterer. Bred by Welch, the son of *Leamington was the fourth of five consecutive Preakness winners for Lorillard and Walden (the first came with Hall of Famer Duke of Magenta in 1878 and last with Vanguard in 1882). Walden remains the all-time leading trainer of Preakness winners, with seven. Saunterer added classic success—he went on to win the Belmont Stakes, the first Pennsylvania-bred to do so.

The Preakness had a few “lost” years when racing was shut down in Maryland around the turn

of the century. Through extensive digging by longtime Pimlico publicist David Woods in the late 1940s, the results of 15 New York Preaknesses were “found,” having been determined to have been contested at Gravesend Race Track. Woods' successor, Joe Hickey, added one more “find” in 1965, and that winner's name was Montaque. Bred by Alexander Johnston “A.J.” Cassatt at his Chesterbrook Farm near Berwyn, Montaque captured the 1890 running of the Preakness at Morris Park.

The Preakness was run at Gravesend from 1894 through 1908, thus Bryn Mawr's victory in 1904 was in New York. Bred and owned by B. Frank Clyde's Gouchacres Stable, the colt by *Atheling came by his name naturally, as the farm was located in Bryn Mawr.

Edward Buchanan Cassatt inherited Chesterbrook Farm upon the death of his father in 1906. The next year Layminster was born. Running in the colors of Cassatt, the colt won the 1910 edition at Pimlico. Remarkably, he carried a featherweight 84 pounds in the race run as a handicap—his stablemate Medallion, who finished 11th of 12, got in with 98 pounds. The top weight in the race carried 118.

It took nearly 100 years before another Pennsylvania-bred would enter the winner's circle. And that 2004 Derby/Preakness winner needs no introduction, since everyone knows Smarty Jones. ■



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