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Three Pennsylvania-breds grace the Hall of Fame in Saratoga: steeplechaser extraordinaire Flatterer, the ethereal Go for Wand, and Parole, one of racing's first superstars.

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G1 winner Illuminant retired

Illuminant, one of the best PA-Bred turf performers in recent years, has been retired to launch her next career as a broodmare, it was announced in mid-July by her connections.

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Strong Pennsylvania freshmen sire crop

By Emily Shields

Six stallions took up residence in Pennsylvania for the 2017 breeding season, offering strong pedigrees, solid race records, and exceptional value. Cal Nation, Peace and Justice, Red Vine, Rule by Night, Taken by the Storm and Uncle Lino (pictured) are all expecting Pennsylvania-bred foals in 2018, an important time as breeders plot their matings for the next season.

Nine-year-old Cal Nation (below) is one of the more royally-bred stallions in the stud book, and stands at Kingfisher Lane Farm in Slippery Rock. "When I saw his pedigree page in the Keeneland Sale catalogue, my jaw dropped," said owner Richard Wulkich. Cal Nation is by Distorted Humor and out of the A.P. Indy mare She's a Winner, making him a half-brother to Grade 1-winner and leading regional sire Bluegrass Cat.



"I had been looking for a son of Distorted Humor; I was pretty much aware of a number of his sons who were out there, but I wanted a son out of an A.P. Indy mare," Wulkich said. "If you look at his pedigree page, there is only room on that page for his first dam."

She's a Winner was unraced, but her first seven foals to race were all winners, including four stakes winners. Lord of the Game won the Prairie Meadows

Cornhusker Breeders' Cup Handicap-G2, Dramedy won the Dixiana Elkhorn Stakes-G2 at Keeneland, and Sonoma Cat took the Oak Hall Stakes. Bluegrass Cat won the \$1 million Haskell Invitational-G1 after finishing second in the Kentucky Derby-G1, Belmont Stakes-G1, and the Travers Stakes-G1.

The pedigree doesn't stop there, as She's a Winner is out of the graded stakes-winning Mr. Prospector mare Get Lucky, whose dam is Grade 1 winner Dance Number. Dance Number produced Breeders' Cup winner Rhythm and leading regional sire Not For Love, the broodmare sire of California Chrome. Get Lucky is the dam of Grade 1 winner Girolamo, Grade 2 winner Daydreaming who in turn is the dam of Grade 1 winner Imagining, and Supercharger, dam of 2010 Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver.

"The more I looked at the pedigree the more excited I got," Wulkich said. "The more time I spent with him I realized he has a



tremendous amount of balance. All the parts are there and they all fit together." Cal Nation won three of nine races and was Grade 2 placed before retirement. With his second crop just coming to the races, he has seven winners from 16 starters to date, including six-time winner Faze the Nation.

Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville added three-time winner Peace and Justice (above) this season for a fee of \$3,500. He won at both Belmont Park and Santa Anita, under careful handling by conditioner John Shirreffs. The son of wildly successful stallion War Front is out of the winning Smart Strike mare Strike the Sky, dam of Grade 2-winner Hudson Steele and one other stakes horse, Lauren Byrd, who later became the dam of Grade 1-placed My Man Sam.

Farm owner Glenn Brok said, "He ran a very fast 1:32 and change mile, and he's a big horse at 16.2 hands. He's very racy with a big shoulder, a good hip, a smart head, and is very correct. They say the best stallions are milers, so he's everything you'd want."

Bloodstock agent Steve Young, who owns A1A Racing, is offering a \$250,000 bonus to the breeder of Peace and Justice's first non-restricted stakes winner. "The bonus is insured and guaranteed," Brok said. "Young is very aggressive and very generous; nobody else offers something like that!"

Rule by Night (page 4, top left) is standing at WynOaks Farm in Delta. The son of Malibu Moon—Silver Reserve, by Silver Deputy, stood the 2017 season for \$2,500. Farm owner Barbara Wheeler praised the horse's physical, saying, "He is very big, very thick, and typical of what you would see in a stallion. And he's a good breeder; this year he got all of his mares in foal. He's a fertile stallion as far as we can tell."

Rule by Night was a multiple stakes winner in New York for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. He won five of 15 starts, including

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the Groovy Stakes at Aqueduct by 9¼ lengths after a bad break, and earned \$249,400. He originally stood in Canada, then went back to the competitive region of New York before transferring to WynOaks. “And he’s a good boy,” Wheeler added. “For somebody who has to handle stallions, that means a lot.”



Stakes winners in Rule by Night’s (above) pedigree include Grade 2 winner Boone’s Mill under second dam Shy Miss. Rule by Night is inbred 3x4 to Mr. Prospector and 4x3 to Secretariat.

Xanthus Farms added a pair of stallions for the season, bringing both Red Vine and Taken by the Storm on board to the Gettysburg outfit.

Red Vine (below), a son of Candy Ride (Arg)—Murky Waters,



by Storm Creek, earned \$775,915. He broke his maiden as the favorite on the grass at Del Mar, won an allowance event at Keeneland, and placed

at Belmont Park several times before taking the \$75,000 Majestic Light Stakes at Monmouth as part of a three-race win streak. After that win, Red Vine ran second in the Salvator Mile Stakes-G3 and then third in the \$1 million Pacific Classic-G1 before concluding his season with placings in both the Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile-G1 and the Cigar Mile-G1.

Dam Murky Waters’ three foals to race have all been winners. Her sire, Storm Creek, is by Storm Cat, and the Candy Ride/Storm Cat cross has produced several winners including Eclipse Champion Shared Belief.

Taken by the Storm (top right) is a son of Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat) out of the Broad Brush mare Paint Brush. She never raced,

but dam Unbridled Lassie was Grade 1-placed. Taken by the Storm earned \$148,801 in 14 starts, winning or placing six times. He ran fourth, beaten only



3½ lengths, in the \$550,000 Horseshoe Casino Spiral Stakes-G3, after breaking his maiden at Keeneland and winning a Gulfstream Park allowance.

Uncle Lino joined the roster at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, home of leading Pennsylvania sire Jump Start. Northview president Richard Golden noted that Uncle Lino did not arrive until January of this year, but that he was, “Immediately recognized and accepted by the breeding community. He bred over 100 mares in 2017 and that is unbelievable for any new stallion.”

Uncle Lino (below), a Grade 1-placed runner and track record setter at Los Alamitos, is the first son of Uncle Mo to stand in the Mid-Atlantic region. His dam Haysee, by champion Orientate, never raced, but has produced two winners from four starters, and is a daughter of the fantastic broodmare Oatsee. That stakes-placed runner has eight winners from 10 starters, including graded stakes winners Afleeting Lady, Lady Joanne and Baghdaria. Her best runner to date has been the popular Forestry son Shackleford, earner of more than \$3 million and victorious in the Preakness Stakes-G1. Shackleford ranks third among the nation’s top second-crop sires this year.

Uncle Lino finished second to future Grade 1 hero Mor Spirit in the Robert B. Lewis Stakes at Santa Anita, then was third in the Santa Anita Derby-G1. He earned \$316,160, and stands for \$4,000. “We were very fortunate to be able to purchase Uncle Lino,” Golden said. ■



Tom's Ready comes home for PA-Bred Stakes win

By Emily Shields

A resolute Tom's Ready dug in to fend off closer Edge of Reality in the \$100,000 Leematt Stakes July 9, adding to his status as one of the best Pennsylvania-breds in training. The multiple graded stakes winner is doggedly racing his way towards \$1 million in earnings, and is taking his connections along for a thrilling ride.

Tom's Ready was foaled at Blackstone Farm in Pine Grove, where he first impressed with his self-reliant nature.

"He was always kind of an independent sort," said Christian Hansen of Blackstone Farm. "He always had class to him with a good attitude and was curious as to what was going on. When we weaned him he was one of the strongest colts in his group."

Blackstone Farm breeds between 40 and 50 foals a year. Tom's Ready, a son of More Than Ready—Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush, grew up to be a \$145,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. His dam placed once in three starts, but she is a half-sister to stakes winners Lemonlime and Miss Moses.

New owners G M B Racing, the moniker for Gayle and Tom Benson (the latter the owner of the New Orleans Saints), turned Tom's Ready over to trainer Dallas Stewart, who prepped him for a Saratoga debut in the summer of 2015. Tom's Ready eventually broke his maiden at Churchill Downs after running fifth in the Hopeful Stakes-G1 as a maiden. He was second to stablemate Mo Tom in the Street Sense Stakes that November, and concluded his juvenile season running second by a neck at the Fair Grounds in an allowance contest despite hitting the gate at the break.

Tom's Ready kicked off his sophomore season with a second-place effort in the LeComte Stakes-G3 and was second again in the \$1 million Louisiana Derby-G2. That performance put him squarely in the picture of the Kentucky Derby, but Tom's Ready finished 12th, a length ahead of subsequent Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Creator.

Stewart wisely cut his runner back in distance to seven furlongs and sent him out Belmont Stakes Day in the \$500,000 Woody Stephens-G2. Against a loaded field of 11 rivals, Tom's Ready dazzled, winning by 1¼ lengths despite having to alter course three times. After a poor showing at Saratoga, Tom's Ready returned to Churchill Downs and won the \$100,000 Ack Ack Handicap-G3, where he defeated Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Runhappy.

After a six-month layoff, Tom's Ready made his 2017 bow in a tough spot, the \$500,000 Churchill Downs Stakes-G2. Sent off at 20-1, the dark bay colt with the flashy blaze surged between horses to finish third, missing by only a length to Limousine Liberal and Awesome Slew. The Leematt was his third start and first victory of the season.

Partnered with Brian Hernandez Jr., Tom's Ready went to the post as the favorite in the one-mile Leematt, a race over Presque



Isle Downs's synthetic course. Tom's Ready sat sixth early in a seven-horse field, then rallied five wide to take the lead at the top of the lane. He drifted a bit, bumping 30-1 shot Hollywood Talent, and Hansen speculated that the colt may have lost concentration. Hernandez urged his charge on, and Tom's Ready held off the rallying Edge of Reality by a head, with three-time stakes winner Duff another 3½ lengths back in third.

With the victory, Tom's Ready has won four of 17 starts with four seconds and one third. He has \$803,767 in earnings, and could add to that total with his next start. "He will run at Belmont next on September 23," trainer Stewart said, referring to the \$300,000 Kelso Handicap-G2 at one mile.

From the same crop, Blackstone Farm bred graded stakes winner Dark Nile, and one season before that the farm produced Santa Anita stakes victress She's a Big Winner, but getting a horse as talented as Tom's Ready has been a boon for the breeders. "He's very special," Hansen acknowledged. "It's not easy to breed a Grade 2 winner, and a lot of people try."

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He paid tribute to the current connections, saying, "It's very rewarding, but a lot of people have been involved with the horse to get him to where he is now. We appreciate the way people have taken care of him and that he ended up in such good hands. They understand what kind of horse he is."

Tom's Ready's dam Goodbye Stranger was not bred for 2017, but is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro for 2018. She has a Pennsylvania-bred juvenile filly by Lemon Drop Kid named Goodbye Kid who

did not meet her \$100,000 reserve at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale last year, and has an unnamed yearling filly by Gemologist. Despite having four winners from five foals to race, expecting Goodbye Stranger's foals to live up to the talents of Tom's Ready may be difficult.

"He was our first big horse," Hansen said, "and he still is our signature horse." ■



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A Letter From the Executive Secretary



Our 17th annual Pennsylvania's Day at the Races at Parx Racing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, with registration beginning at 12 noon. We're happy to confirm that the 25% PA-Sired bonus will still be awarded for first, second and third in all stakes.

The day will honor and celebrate the breeding industry here in the Commonwealth, as well as provide the chance for some top-notch PA-Bred horses to showcase their talents in our five \$100,000 stakes: Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes for horses 3 and up at six furlongs; Roanoke Stakes for horses 3 and up at a mile and a sixteenth; Marshall Jenney Stakes for sprinters 3 and up at five furlongs on the turf; Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes for fillies and mares 3 and up at six furlongs; and the Mrs. Penny Stakes for fillies and mares 3 and up at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Don't miss this day of fun, food, gifts and great racing!

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Pennsylvania News Briefs

GRADE 1 WINNER ILLUMINANT RETIRED

Illuminant, one of the best PA-Bred turf performers in recent years, has been retired to launch her next career as a broodmare, it was announced in mid-July by her connections, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Head of Plains Partners LLC, SF Bloodstock and Sol Kumin, and trainer Mike McCarthy. The 5-year-old Grade 1-winning daughter of Quality Road made 14 starts, won six times—including three stakes in her last four starts—to earn \$536,243. McCarthy noted she emerged from a workout exhibiting signs of minor discomfort and it was decided to retire her.

“Illuminant was Grade 1 in every sense of the word,” said Aron Wellman, president of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. “She was a beast of a mare who took our partners on a magical ride during her career. Michael did a masterful job developing her and it’ll be tough to walk down his shedrow and not see that jet black beauty behind a webbing. That said, she owes us nothing and we’ll keep a close eye on her offspring as she figures to be an incredible broodmare.”

The first Grade 1 winner bred by longtime top breeder Richard Golden, Illuminant was foaled at Northview PA in Peach Bottom out of the stakes-winning Polish Numbers mare Sparkling Number. She initially sold as a yearling at the Keeneland September sale for \$32,000 to Don Graham, who pinhooked the

dark bay filly from the first crop of Grade 1 winner Quality Road to the OBS March sale, where she was purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for \$180,000.

It took five trips to the post for Illuminant to get her first win, a breakout performance in a Santa Anita maiden special weight by nearly 7 lengths in October of her 3-year-old season on the downhill turf. Her career skyrocketed from there over the next seven months, including Del Mar and Santa Anita allowance wins, two fourth-place graded stakes finishes in her first two stakes attempts and a third behind champion Tepin in Keeneland’s Grade 1 Jenny Wiley Stakes. Those races led up to her win in Santa Anita’s Grade 1 Gamely at a mile and an eighth on the turf in May 2016, in what would be her final start of the season.

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners offered Illuminant at last fall’s Fasig-Tipton’s November sale, where SF Bloodstock signed the ticket for \$900,000, with Eclipse ultimately retaining an ownership share. She returned to the races in 2017 in great form, scoring first out in Santa Anita’s Wishing Well Stakes at 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill turf course in March. Her final start was a Grade 2 win over the same course in the Monrovia Stakes on May 27. ■



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Saratoga Select PA-Bred Yearlings

The Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale of yearlings commences at 6:30 p.m. over the evenings of Aug. 7 and 8 at the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs. Eight of the 227 catalogued are Pennsylvania-breds, by top sires Curlin, Ghostzapper, Malibu Moon, Orb, Tiznow and Union Rags.

**Hip no. 12 - Dark Bay/Brown Colt, 1/23/16, Orb (2010)—
Midnight Bliss (2011), by Midnight Lute**

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC
Consigned by Lane's End, Agent
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A son of classic-winning freshman sire Orb and first foal out of a graded stakes-placed daughter of four-time stakes winner Dansetta Light from the family of Grade 1-winning millionaire sprinter Captain Squire.

**Hip no. 15 - Dark Bay/Brown Colt, 1/31/16, Tiznow
(1997)—Monday Valentine (2009), by Smart Strike**

Breeder: C Biscuit Racing
Consigned by Walnut Green, Agent for Smart Angle LLP and
C Biscuit Racing
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A son of Horse of the Year, two-time Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner and leading sire Tiznow out of a half-sister to Grade 1-winning millionaire sprinter Idiot Proof.

**Hip no. 22 - Gray or Roan Filly, 2/1/16, Union Rags
(2009)—Newstouse (2008), by Unbridled's Song**

Breeder: Equivine Farm LLC
Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent I
Breeders' Cup, EBF Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A daughter of classic winner and one of the nation's leading second-crop stallions Union Rags. Her second dam, stakes winner Double Cat (by Storm Cat), is a half-sister to three stakes winners, including Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 winner War Chant; third dam is champion Hollywood Wildcat

**Hip no. 41 - Chestnut Filly, 4/26/16, Curlin (2004)—
Redaspen (2002), by Bianconi**

Breeder: Equivine Farm LLC
Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent I
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A half-sister to Group 2 winner Sonny Corleone and stakes-placed Wychmere out of PA-Bred graded stakes winner Redaspen and by Horse of the Year, classic winner and leading sire Curlin

**Hip no. 60 - Dark Bay/Brown Filly, 3/15/16, Tiznow
(1997)—Slews Golden Rule (2011), by Langfuhr**

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC
Consigned by Warrendale Sales, Agent I
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A daughter of Horse of the Year, two-time Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner and leading sire Tiznow and the first foal out of a winning half-sister to graded stakes winner Globetrotter from the family Grade 1 winner Ops Smile.

**Hip no. 146 - Bay Filly, 4/14/16, Tiznow (1997)—Brilliancy
(2005), by Exchange Rate**

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XVI
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A daughter of Horse of the Year, two-time Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner and leading sire Tiznow out of a full sister to stakes winner Cream Only and half-sister to graded stakes winners Electrify and Rothko and the dam of current PA-Bred multiple stakes winner Firsthand Report

**Hip no. 163 - Bay Colt, 4/3/16, Malibu Moon (1997)—Cloud
Jumper (2011), by Street Cry (IRE)**

Breeder: Brushwood Stable
Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A son of leading sire Malibu Moon out of a half-sister to graded stakes-winning sprinter Buffum and stakes winner Stormy West. Second dam is stakes winner Storm Beauty; third dam, stakes winner Stick to Beauty, is also the dam of champion Gold Beauty and three other stakes winners

**Hip no. 168 - Dark Bay/Brown Filly, 2/12/16, Ghostzapper
(2000)—Coppermine (2008), by Unbridled's Song**

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XVI
Breeders' Cup Nominated, Registered PA-Bred

A daughter of Horse of the Year and champion sire Ghostzapper from the family of top handicap horse and sire Old Trieste. Second dam is stakes winner Penny's Fortune; third dam Grade 1 winner Lovlier Linda

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PA Stallion News Briefs

FRESHMAN FIRST FOR SWAGGER JACK



Grade 1-winning sprinter Swagger Jack got his first winner in his first crop when first-time starter Swagger Strike scored impressively by two and three-quarter lengths at Camarero Race Track in Puerto Rico June 11.

A dark bay colt bred in Kentucky by Diana Shoop, Swagger Strike is one of four runners from eight current 2-year-olds for Swagger Jack. Owned by Establo Villa Real and trained by Luis Ramirez, he is out of the Scorpion mare Macchiati, and sold as a yearling for \$6,000 at the Keeneland September sale.

Swagger Jack retired to stud at Millennium Farms in Kentucky in 2014 after earning \$460,519 from 18 starts over three seasons. A five-time winner, his career highlights came at age 5, topped by Aqueduct's Grade 1 Carter Handicap at seven furlongs over Sahara Sky, Discreet Dancer and Fort Loudon. He was second in graded stakes twice that winter – the one-mile Gulfstream Park Handicap

to Discreet Dancer, and the seven-furlong Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship Stakes-G3 to Fort Loudon.

After standing one season at Nicks Farm in Indiana Swagger Jack moved to Pennsylvania in 2016. The dark bay 9-year-old now stands at Xanthus Farms in Gettysburg, Pa., and is the only son of champion sire Smart Strike standing in the region.

Bred in Virginia by Edward P. Evans, Swagger Jack descends from the blue-hen mare Prayer Bell through his dam Lyrical Prayer, a daughter of The Minstrel who produced 11 other winners, including graded winner and stakes-producer Tap Dance, stakes winner Grand Prayer (the dam of millionaire Valid), and three stakes-placed runners, including Lyrical Ghost, dam of Silverside, a four-time champion in Spain and highweighted older horse at five to seven furlongs in Germany. ■

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2014 Parx Dash

PC: Kim Pratt



2014 Parx Dash

PC: Wendi Graham



Penn National paddock

PC: Lydia Williams



2013 Parx Dash

PC: Kim Pratt

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Reminders for Breeders

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Early Registration: Within 365 days of foaling

Stallion Registration for next breeding season:

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

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PA-Bred Stakes Recaps: Presque Isle Downs and Parx Racing



The 2017 PA-Bred stakes schedule has a total of 22 stakes, each worth \$100,000. Also continuing is the 25% bonus for all PA-Sired PA-Bred horses finishing first through third in all restricted stakes, which brings the total combined purses to \$2.75 million.

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

Leematt Stakes

See story on Tom's Ready on page 5.

Northern Fling Stakes

Barlar's homebred filly Imply returned to her stakes-winning ways with a come-from-behind score over Great Soul in the Northern Fling at Presque Isle on July 9. A 4-year-old daughter of former Pennsylvania sire E Dubai, Imply recorded her sixth win in 14 starts, and upped her career earnings to \$285,928.

Imply was undefeated in her first two starts at 2, scoring a maiden special weight at Parx, followed by Presque Isle's Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial. The Bernie Houghton trainee didn't add more black-type until a second-place finish in this June's Lyphard Stakes at Penn National, which led up to the Northern Fling. In two starts at Presque Isle, Imply now has two stakes wins.

Barlar purchased Imply's dam, the Orientate mare Allude, for \$17,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November in foal to Divine Park. The resulting colt, Refer, was eventually sold at auction for \$70,000, and has gone on to earn \$140,490. After producing a Lonhro (Aus) filly in 2014, Allude was sold that No-

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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	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Someday Jones, 3rd-Duval
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Discreet Seniorita, 2nd-Heatherly, 3rd-Disco Chick
Sat., June 3, Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Firsthand Report, 2nd-Imply, 3rd-Lillie's Answer
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-The Critical Way, 2nd-Midtowncharlybrown, 3rd-Sepicato
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Grand Prix, 2nd-Rose Tree, 3rd-Ilanthe
Sun., July 9, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Tom's Ready, 2nd-Edge of Reality, 3rd-Duff
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Imply, 2nd-Great Soul, 3rd-Lucabunny
Sat., July 22, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Threehtwoocassie, 2nd-Iggy Loco, 3rd-Fast and Accurate
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st-Firsthand Report, 2nd-Fat Kat, 3rd-Zensational Merry
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.

Total: \$2,750,000

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vember at Keeneland for \$100,000, in foal to Shackelford. The Lonhro filly, named Advert, was retained by Barlar and is a two-time winner. Her second win came the day after the Northern Fling in a Parx turf allowance while defeating 11 others.

Crowd Pleaser Stakes

Threehtwocassie, a maiden claiming winner in his prior start, surprised at 18-1 in Parx's Crowd Pleaser at a mile and sixteenth on the turf on July 22, rallying past graded stakes-winning odds-on favorite Fast and Accurate and holding off Iggy Loco to win by three-quarters of a length.

Owned by Black Cloud Stable LLC and trained by Anthony Pecoraro, 3-year-old Threehtwocassie was making his stakes debut in his seventh start. Unraced at 2, the son of former Pennsylvania stallion E Dubai out of Exquisite Cassie, by King of Kings (Ire) launched his career in February at Tampa Bay and was unplaced in two starts until heading north. Two efforts at Penn National resulted in placings before breaking through at Delaware Park on June 12. Going a mile and 70 yards, he romped

home a 5-length winner as the favorite while risked for a \$25,000 tag.

Bred by Chadds Ford Stable, Threehtwocassie was a bargain weanling, purchased by Sheltoewe Farm for \$2,500 out of the 2014 Keeneland November sale. He reappeared at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale, with Mark Esposito signing the \$10,000 ticket. His earnings now stand at \$85,553. He is a half-brother to New York-bred millionaire and seven-time stakes winner Kharafa.

Power by Far Stakes

Firsthand Report (pictured) followed a gutsy score in Penn National's Lyphard Stakes for PA-Breds in June with a much easier effort in the Power by Far Stakes at Parx on July 22, taking the five-furlong turf test by three lengths over defending champion and 3-5 choice Fat Kat. In recording her fifth win in 12 starts, the 4-year-old daugh-

ter of Blame increased her earnings to \$268,395 for owner StarLadies Racing.

Trained by Todd Pletcher, Firsthand Report has now won three straight, kicking off the streak at Parx in May in a six-furlong allowance on the main track.

Bred by Lindsay C.F. Scott and Jane



MacElree, Firsthand Report was in utero when her dam, stakes-placed juvenile Kinsey (by Delaware Township), was purchased for \$210,000 at

the 2013 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages.

Firsthand Report was offered at the Keeneland September sale the next year, and sold on a final bid of \$310,000 from Starlight. Kinsey was barren in 2014 and has produced nothing but PA-Breds since. Her 2015 colt by Violence has yet to start; she has since produced colts by Street Sense and Tonalist the past two Aprils and was bred back to Will Take Charge.



PA-Bred Bonus Babies

LITTLE FAT ALBERT

Foaled 2013 by Albert the Great out of Remiss

Bred by Jim Nolan

29 starts in PA, 5 wins

Lifetime Earnings: \$108,213

PA Breeding Fund money earned by his connections
(Breeder & Stallion Awards and Owner Bonuses): \$55,224.20



Blasts From The Past

PAROLE

1873, by Leamington—Maiden, by Lexington. Bred by Aristides Welch (Erdenheim Stud); owned by Pierre Lorillard; trained by Matthew Byrnes.

Three Pennsylvania-breds grace the Hall of Fame in Saratoga: steeplechaser extraordinaire Flatterer, the ethereal Go for Wand, and Parole, one of racing's first superstars. "The mighty Parole cemented his legacy as one of the finest racehorses of the 19th century during a fascinating 11-year career that was defined by durability, determination and a series of masterful performances in marquee events," notes the Hall of Fame in the opening lines of Parole's biography.

Parole, a foal of 1873, was bred by Aristides Welch at his Erdenheim Stud near Philadelphia. The pedigree was most fashionable: he was a son of Leamington out a Lexington mare. His sire and grandsire were two of the most dominant stallions of the era—combined, they led the nation's sires lists 20 times in 21 years. His dam, Maiden, won the second running of Saratoga's signature race, the Travers Stakes, in 1865.

Parole was not the most attractive to grace the turf according to racing scribes: "The brown gelding was referred to as 'the Yankee mule' by writers in England and was said to be 'light-necked, rough-coated, leggy, and curby hocked,'" notes the Hall of Fame biography. But his brilliance was evident from the start.

Owned by Pierre Lorillard and trained by Hall of Famer Matthew Byrnes, Parole was considered the nation's best 2-year-old after winning stakes at Monmouth Park and Saratoga. He won more stakes at 3, but rose another level as he got older.

At the end of a solid 4-year-old campaign he defeated fellow Hall of Famers Ten Broeck and Tom Ochiltree in the "Great Sweepstakes" at Pimlico, the race famously depicted on the outside of the track's clubhouse. He was just as good at 5, winning the best races for older horses from Baltimore to Saratoga.

Parole headed for distant shores as Lorillard wanted to win in England. He accomplished more than his owner could have dreamed, defeating English champion Isonomy in the spring of his 6-year-

old campaign, then winning numerous top stakes for older horses. When he began to wear down, suffering a rare losing streak, he returned to the states and succeeded in picking back up where he left off.

During his 8-year-old season Parole won 12 times and was second and third another eight in 24 starts and became the richest runner in America. The brown gelding kept racing and didn't retire until after an of 11-start season at 12. His career numbers were 138 starts, 59 wins, 28 seconds, 17 thirds, and earnings of \$82,816. Retired to his owner's Rancocas Farm in New Jersey, he was well-loved and lived a full life until his death at age 30 in 1903.

Parole was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1984. To read more about the career of Parole, go to his biography on the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's website here <https://www.racingmuseum.org/hall-of-fame/parole>. ■



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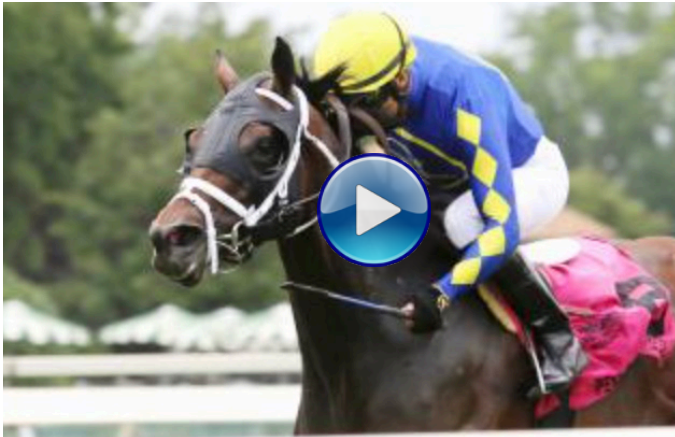


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f, 4, Blame - Kinsey
Won - POWER BY FAR S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5FT, 7/22.



TOM'S READY

c, 4, More Than Ready - Goodbye Stranger
Won - LEEMATT S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1M, 7/9.

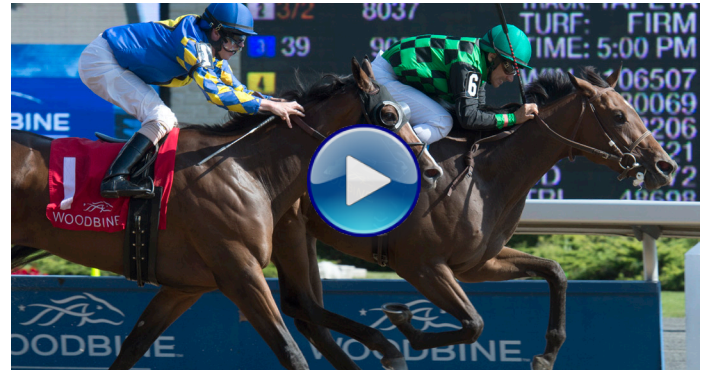


IMPLY

f, 4, E Dubai - Allude
Won - NORTHERN FLING S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 7/9.

THREEOHTWOCASSIE

g, 3, E Dubai - Exquisite Cassie
Won - CROWD PLEASER S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO, 1 1/16MT, 7/22.

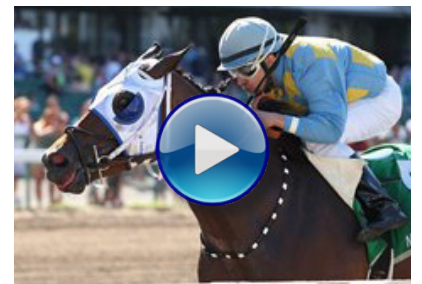


TULSA QUEEN

f, 3, Cactus Ridge - Hot Touch
Won - DUCHESS S, Woodbine, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 7F, 7/15.

DISCO CHICK

m, 6, Jump Start - Disco Flirt
Won - REGRET S, Monmouth Park, \$60,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 7/16.





Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



TROOPER JOHN

g, 3, Colonel John - Shouldn't We All Won - COUNT LATHUM H, Northlands Park, \$50,000, 3YO, 1 1/16 M, 7/15.

PUMPKIN RUMBLE

g, 6, English Channel - Clarins 3rd - SINGSPIEL S-G3, Woodbine, \$125,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/2MT, 7/2.

DUFF

h, 5, Candy Ride (Arg) - To the Brim 3rd - LEEMATT S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1M, 7/9.

FAST AND ACCURATE

c, 3, Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance 3rd - CROWD PLEASER S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO, 1 1/16MT, 7/22.

LUCABUNNY

f, 4, Silver Train - Record High 3rd - NORTHERN FLING S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 7/9.

STORM ADVISORY

g, 5, Weigelia - Storminthewoods 3rd - IOWA SPRINT H, Prairie Meadows, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 7/8.

ZENSATIONAL MERRY

m, 5, Zensational - Merry Princess 3rd - POWER BY FAR S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5FT, 7/22.

EDGE OF REALITY

g, 7, Lawyer Ron - Our Nancy Lee 2nd - LEEMATT S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1M, 7/9.

FAT KAT

m, 6, Weigelia - Katarica Disco 2nd - POWER BY FAR S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5FT, 7/22.

GREAT SOUL

f, 4, Great Notion - What Am I Gonna Do 2nd - NORTHERN FLING S, Presque Isle Downs, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 7/9.

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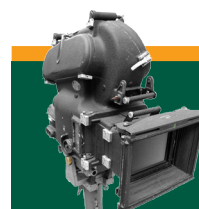
c, 3, K One King - On a Break 2nd - CROWD PLEASER S, Parx Racing, \$100,000, 3YO, 1 1/16MT, 7/22.

STREET FASHION

g, 5, Street Sense - Winter Fashion (Fr) 2nd - CAPE HENLOPEN S, Delaware Park, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/2MT, 7/8.

FINEST CITY

m, 5, City Zip - Be Envied 3rd - GREAT LADY M S-G2, Los Alamitos, \$200,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6 1/2F, 7/8.



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