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Power of Snunner continues to spread happiness

By Linda Dougherty



Jim Courtney's multiple stakes winner Power of Snunner had her best year ever in 2017 at age 7.

She's just one mare, but Power of Snunner makes a lot of people very happy. Her owner and breeder, Jim Courtney, is legally blind, but still finds joy in his horses. Bill and Barbara Geraghty, who own the sire Power by Far, love to see yet another standout runner from their stud. And Peter Giangiulio, who stands Power by Far at his Castle Rock Farm in Unionville, is undeniably delighted with the whole situation.

Peter and Barbara are brother and sister, and Peter's father-in-law is friends with Courtney. With \$576,310 earnings through mid-December, and more made from Pennsylvania-Bred breeder awards, Power of Snunner has taken all her connections on quite the ride.

The now 8-year-old mare is a second-generation Courtney homebred. He acquired Neolithic, a daughter of Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Deputed

Testamony, off the track; her very first foal was graded stakes winner Finally Here, by Yarrow Brae. Neolithic visited that stallion seven times, producing five foals, including five-time winner Snunner as her third foal. The fourth, Winning Grace, is the dam of Pennsylvania-Bred Horse of the Year Page McKenney, victor in 20 of his 52 lifetime starts, with earnings of almost \$1.8 million.

Although Courtney sold Winning Grace, he kept Snunner. Winning Grace's older sister has carried on the female family's tradition of throwing stakes horses. Her first foal, Spring Dance, was a stakes winner at 3 at Parx. Her second, from the same crop as Page McKenney, is Power of Snunner.

Courtney, who got his first taste of the equine business by saving \$12 to purchase a horse



Castle Rock Farm stallion Power by Far.

on her ankle, rested her in a stall and walked her. We worked with her very, very slowly.”

Power of Snunner returned at the Fair Grounds with trainer Joe Sharp in December 2016 in the Pan Zareta Stakes. Despite a 16-month layoff, she finished second. Shipped to Oaklawn she proceeded to show she was better than ever, running second in the Bayakoa Stakes-G3 and fourth in the Azeri Stakes-G2. She finished second in Keeneland’s Double-dogdare Stakes-G3 with Mike Smith as her pilot, and was fourth at Pimlico in the Grade 3 Allaire DuPont Distaff, before finally breaking through in the Obeah Stakes at Delaware Park. That victory sent her back to Pennsylvania, where she has been reunited with Kreiser. Her most recent win came in the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes in October. With nine wins and 16 seconds in 34 starts, Power of Snunner has earned \$576,310.

Her success has put the spotlight on Power by Far, a 10-time stakes-winning sprinter and multiple graded stakes-placed son of Power of Mind who stands for \$1,500. With 14 crops of racing age, Power by Far has impressive numbers to offer: 64 percent starters from foals, 55 percent winners from starters, and average earnings per starter of over \$59,000.

“I could go on and on about his stats,” Giangiulio said. “If you’re breeding to race, there

is no better horse. He’s so consistent, and has the perfect conformation.”

Power by Far won 15 of 32 races and ran competitively against the likes of sprint stars Artax and Yes It’s True before retiring directly to Pennsylvania.

“As a racehorse he’s the most exciting thing that ever happened to us,” Barbara Geraghty said. “He was just so good, very honest and proud of himself. He wanted to be the best he could be. He was the first one we’d ever had that was anything like that.”

Power by Far earned \$544,335; his progeny have earned over \$4.3 million. “He’s a dream, he really is,” Geraghty said.

“He’s venerable, let’s just say that,” added Giangiulio. “He’s the most undiscovered treasure in any stud barn in the state.”

For Courtney, Power of Snunner is evidence to stay in the game. “I’ve always enjoyed horses,” he said, and looks forward to 2018 when Power of Snunner is scheduled to return for the Pennsylvania-Bred stakes program.

Courtney has experienced first hand the success of the Pennsylvania’s breeder’s bonus program. “I like the breeding program they have, which is why I foaled her in Pennsylvania,” he said. “It’s been great. I think she’s won over \$100,000 for me as a breeder. I hope to breed her after next season and race the foal.”

while in eighth grade, said, “I was hopeful, but I didn’t know she would be this good. She was a nice foal, so we thought she might be a runner.”

Unraced at 2, Power of Snunner took four tries to break her maiden, accomplishing it at Penn National in 2013 under the tutelage of trainer Timothy Kreiser. She won four of 13 starts that year and was on the board 11 times. She placed in stakes, but didn’t earn her first black-type victory until 2015, taking the Foxy J.G. Stakes at Parx in May. She followed with seconds in three more stakes before injury struck.

“She tore a tendon,” Courtney said. “I had a horse do that once and he did not come back at all after a year, so with Power of Snunner we took it very slow. We did a stem cell operation

A few words from the Executive Secretary



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