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PA breeding hits a homerun with addition of Hoppertunity to Northview PA

by Emily Shields

It isn't every year that a horse with as much class as Hoppertunity retires to the breeding shed. Thanks to the efforts of the team at Northview Stallion Station, the remarkable, iron-willed racehorse is taking up residence in the Mid-Atlantic region for his very first season at stud at Northview PA. Between his proven female family and his undeniable resilience through a brilliant career, Hoppertunity is presenting local breeders with a rare opportunity.

Getting a horse of his stature—Hoppertunity earned \$4.7 million with nine wins in 34 starts—to bypass Kentucky could have been a challenge, but Northview's General Manager and Director of Sales David Wade has been eyeing him for some time. "He was our first choice for Pennsylvania," he said. "There are criteria we have when selecting a new stallion—sire, female family, race record, and conformation. Obviously, if a horse is strong in all of those areas, he is priced too high for a regional market and he goes to stud in Kentucky."

Hoppertunity did have one area that gave potential buyers in the Bluegrass State pause: he is a son of Any Given Saturday, a royally-bred Grade 1 winner who moved from Kentucky, to Pennsylvania, and ultimately to South Korea as a stallion. "Being by Any Given Saturday, he wasn't pursued by the larger Kentucky farms," Wade explained. "But, the tail male or direct sire line is Distorted Humor, Forty Niner, and Mr. Prospector, so when you combine that with the race record and female family it was a no-brainer."

The race record stands out, even amongst some of Kentucky's best. A foal of 2011, Hoppertunity did not start until January of his sophomore season, breaking his maiden by 3



lengths in his second try. The horse that beat him on debut 26 days earlier was none other than future Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 hero Bayern, who retired three years before his one-time rival.

In just his fourth start, Hoppertunity won the Rebel Stakes-G2 at Oaklawn Park, stamping himself as a late but legitimate Kentucky Derby threat. He ran second to California Chrome in the Santa Anita Derby-G1 in his final prep race, but was withdrawn from the Run for the Roses just 48 hours before the race. He had been the morning line second choice.

After some time off, Hoppertunity made the most of a return to Churchill Downs, winning the Clark Handicap-G1 to close out the 2014 season. The Bob Baffert-trainee returned as a 4-year-old to win the San Pasqual Stakes-G2 in mid-January. Although he didn't win for the rest of the season, he raced through late November and knocked heads with some of the very best while never worse than fourth and earning nearly \$600,000

that season, while simultaneously serving as a gallop partner for 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

With his stablemate retired, Hoppertunity won the 2016 San Antonio Stakes-G2 by a nose over Imperative in February, then finished third in the Dubai World Cup-G1 in March before capturing a second Grade 1, the \$1-million Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park. His earnings for the year totaled \$2,337,750.

He defended his title in the 2017 San Antonio-G2 at Santa Anita, captured the Tokyo City Cup Stakes-G3 in his first start of 2018, and added the Brooklyn Invitational Stakes-G2 at Belmont that June. He was third or better in 22 of 34 starts, and raced his entire career for the ownership group of Karl Watson, Mike Pegram and Paul Weitman.

Conformation-wise, Hoppertunity was a \$300,000 purchase at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2012. Wade said, "Our offer was contingent on a veterinary exam and a conformation exam so I flew to Santa Anita the next day to see him. Conformation is one criteria we don't compromise on because the bulk of our clientele inspect our stallions. I've turned down a number of stallion prospects in the past based on their physicals but Hoppertunity didn't disappoint. In fact, I couldn't have been happier."

Lastly came his female family, which is currently active in the market. Hoppertunity's dam, the graded stakes-placed Unaccounted For daughter Refugee, has produced dual Grade 1 winner Executiveprivilege, and the stakes-placed filly Profit. She has nine winners from 12 starters for progeny earnings over \$6.1 million. Refugee's dam, the Danzig mare Polish Maid, is out of National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame member Davona Dale.

Wade expects Hoppertunity to suit Pennsylvania and the rest of the region well. "Hoppertunity matches up well with multiple sire lines, but one I find interesting is Not For Love," he said. Hoppertunity's half-sister Profit is by Not For Love. "We know Not For Love works with his family," Wade said. "Having stood Not For Love his entire career at our Maryland farm, there are a lot of Not For Love mares in this area."

Hoppertunity arrived in Pennsylvania on Oct. 26 and is doing well, according to Bloodstock Manager Paul O'Loughlin.

"He settled in really well," O'Loughlin said. "He's a class act, and he is filling out well, and selling out well. He is going to breed about 100 mares. He has been very popular from all over the country. It's not every day that you get a horse in the Mid-Atlantic region that danced every dance and won \$4.7 million. He raced all over the United States and Dubai, and wasn't

afraid of anyone. Not to mention he used to be American Pharoah's dance partner."

Hoppertunity's only adjustment to life as a retired stallion was the move from warm California to Pennsylvania's winter. "It's cold coming from California," O'Loughlin joked.

Watson, Pegram and Weitman have retained a few breeding rights and plan on supporting their former star. Hoppertunity touched many who crossed his path, which Wade experienced during the horse's journey East.

"When Hoppertunity got on the plane to fly East, I was called by his attendant to let me know the colt was safely loaded," Wade recalled. "He told me they had flown together on other occasions and wanted me to know that Hoppertunity had as much class as any horse he'd ever flown with and was looking forward to being with him one last time. I could tell the gentleman wasn't just blowing smoke and that conversation meant a lot to me."

With the horse safely ensconced in Pennsylvania, the wait until breeding season is on.

"Hoppertunity was a sound horse who raced multiple years against top competition every time," Wade said. "There aren't many going to stud nowadays that have the opportunity to show they can do that. If he passes on his soundness, athleticism, and class, we've hit a homerun."

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	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Power of Snunner, 2nd-Trace of Grace, 3rd-Formal Class
Sat., June 2 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Imply, 2nd-Great Soul, 3rd-Advert
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-Smooth B, 2nd-Midnight Poker, 3rd-Tudox Expectations
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Bronx Beauty, 2nd-Smokinpaddylassie, 3rd-Dixie Serenade
Sun., July 8 PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Beyond Smart, 2nd-Fast and Accurate, 3rd-Bern' James Bern
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Rose Tree, 2nd-War Baby, 3rd-Imply
Sat., July 21 Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Sweet Bye and Bye, 2nd-Smooth B, 3rd-Wait for It
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf 1st-Fielder, 2nd-Spartianos, 3rd-Hollywood Talent
Sat., Aug. 4, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Someday Jones, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Monongahela
Sun., Aug. 5, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Shamrock Rose, 2nd-Stardoza, 3rd-Peppy
Sat., Sept. 1 Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st-The Man, 2nd-Pop Keenan, 3rd-Midtowncharlybrown
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Grasshoppin, 2nd-Prince of Hempt, 3rd-Ruby Bleu
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., off turf 1st-She's Chubs, 2nd-Charlybrown's Rose, 3rd-Pink Princess
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Risque's Diamond, 3rd-Item
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf 1st-Rose Tree, 2nd-Imply, 3rd-Miss Avalon
Sun., Sept. 2, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur. 1st-Delta Express, 2nd-Amy Farah Fowler, 3rd-Jump for Alex
Sun., Sept. 16, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Amy Farah Fowler, 3rd-Amandasromeo, 3rd-Pemaquid Sally
Sat., Sept. 22, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Fast and Accurate, 2nd-Bern' James Bern, 3rd-Threoohtwocassie
Sat., Oct. 6 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Imply, 2nd-Disco Rose, 3rd-Trace of Grace
Wed., Nov. 21, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Please Flatter Me, 2nd-Ujjayi, 3rd-Tara's Talent
Sat., Dec. 1, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur. 1st-Call Paul, 2nd-Jump for Alex, 3rd-Splicethemainbrace

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