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Dec. 31 of yearling year
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Feb. 15 of year breeding
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History and family key to Houghton success

by Emily Shields

To get everything done himself, Bernie Houghton would need several more hours added to each day. Luckily for him, Houghton doesn't have to handle his sprawling Pennsylvania farm and string of runners at Penn National all on his own.

His family's Sylmar Farm is a 300-acre spread housing around 200 Thoroughbreds at any given time. "My parents started it," Houghton explained. "My father passed away last year, but my mother still runs everything. I do the training. My wife takes care of the broodmares. My brother farms. The whole family helps out."

The sport has long been in Houghton's blood; he rode steeplechase races for 10 years, and was a leading rider in 1985 before he ultimately quit to start training at Delaware Park. Houghton noted he had, "a hard time making it," so when trainer Barclay Tagg asked him to come on as an assistant, Houghton jumped at the chance.

"That changed everything," he said, heading to Maryland to help Tagg with a string of horses. "I did that for a year, then worked in the racing office for 10 years. I was a patrol judge. I was horse identification. All that kind of stuff."

In 2000, Houghton's father was slowing down and no longer interested in training the young horses on the farm. Houghton made



Bernie Houghton makes pre-race plans. Trace of Grace in paddock at this year's Pennsylvania Day at the Races.

one last career move, and has been satisfied ever since, settling in on the family farm with a family of his own. He has 45 head in training at Penn National, and drives an hour each way at least five days a week to watch the horses train with the help of a standout assistant and some stellar barn staff. Then it's back to the

farm, where there is a training track, two exercise machines, and five barns to tend.

"We leg up horses and break yearlings," Houghton said. "We have 38 mares on the farm, but they aren't all ours. My mother has 15, my wife and I have five. The rest are client mares."

Houghton has a certain affinity for mares, as many of his best racehorses have been female. *Imply*, who is owned by Larry Karp's Barlar LLC, has earned \$771,228, while *Trace of Grace* is marching towards a milestone with \$481,552 in earnings.

Pennsylvania-bred *Imply* has won 12 of 29 starts and is 4-for-5 this year. The daughter of E Dubai—*Allude*, by *Oriente*, is a seven-time stakes winner, including two editions of the \$100,000 *Lyphard Stakes* and more recently the \$100,000 *Mrs. Penny Stakes*. She had a four-race win streak recently snapped when trying to defend her titles in the *Plum Pretty Stakes* at Parx Sept. 21, losing to her stablemate *Trace of Grace*.

"I don't want to sound biased," Houghton said, "but *Trace of Grace* is my favorite." He and his wife bred the daughter of *Petionville* under the banner of

their WMT Stables, and still own her while Houghton himself trains. *Trace of Grace* has won eight of 35 starts with 23 top-three efforts, including two wins to date in 2019. She also won the *Plum Pretty* back in 2016, which was her very first stakes score.

"She's been a great mare for us," Houghton said. "She's done everything we could ask of her." He admits that *Imply*, "is probably the better of the two fillies," but is fond of them in a way reminiscent of having children. Both horses were raised on the farm.

Another favorite is the Maryland-bred filly *Crabcakes*, by *Great Notion*. She won nine of 17 starts, including consecutive editions of the *Maryland Million Distaff*, after taking the *Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship* at 2. *Crabcakes* earned \$419,532.

"It does seem like it's all fillies," Houghton admitted, noting that he also won three stakes races with Karp's Pennsylvania-bred *Jump Start* daughter *Bound*, and another stakes with *Advert*, *Imply's* half-sister by *Lonhro* (Aus). There have been colts and geldings, too, such as the multiple stakes-placed *Saco River*,

by *Patton*, and the graded stakes-placed *Uptown Boy*, by *Johannesburg*, but 10 of his top 13 runners to date have been fillies and mares.

Houghton is closing in on 700 career victories as a trainer, and has lifetime earnings over \$18.6 million. This season alone he has 45 wins (through mid-October), which comes two years after a banner 2017 where he won 78 races for earnings over \$2 million.

But the affable Houghton couldn't do it alone. "I have great assistants and help at the track," he said. "This is a big farm to run. And I've got my three kids running around the place, as well."

Breeding and racing in Pennsylvania has all but ensured the family's continued success. "Pennsylvania racing has paid for this farm," Houghton said. "I have a 20-acre place myself where I just built a barn, and horses like *Trace of Grace* have literally paid for that. I can't say anything bad about racing here in Pennsylvania. It's the best program going for sure. We wouldn't even consider another state. We're just happy with Pennsylvania."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congrats to Blackstone Farm, who received a \$5,000 bonus from the PHBA for being the breeders of *Bronx Beauty*, not only the top PA-Bred female in the just-completed MATCH Series, but the overall winner of the series! The 4-year-old by *Liaison* won the *Filly & Mare Sprint – Dirt Division* and the MATCH Series title by a tie-breaker with *Ms. Locust Point*. Each finishing with 40 points, *Bronx Beauty* was crowned champion after having more wins than her rival. MATCH was a big success in 2019. We're already looking forward to 2020!

As we come to the last two months of the year, it's time to showcase our PA-Bred 2-year-olds. The *Blue Mountain Juvenile* for the fillies will be held Nov. 27 at Penn National and the *Pennsylvania Nursery* is scheduled for Dec. 7. One of the great things about this business is that you never know what's going to happen with the new crops. Can't wait to see them run!

Please remember, for the foal crop of 2020, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2019, or within 14 days of a public sale or breed back to a PA-Sire. We ask that

you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. You can access the online submission at www.pabred.com/forms. If you cannot submit online, please call our office to make other arrangements. Please do not use an old form as they are changing this year.

Our annual *Stallion Directory* will be published in December. Use it to pick the sire of your next PA-Bred champion! Go Pa!!



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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

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2019 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
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 27	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Midnightcharly, 2nd-Long May You Run, 3rd-Jw'strickymischief
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Sweetest Yet, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sat., June 1	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Call Paul, 2nd-Thiscatcanjump, 3rd-Kaiju
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Gotta Be Strong, 2nd-I'm the Talent, 3rd-Key Light
Sun., June 9	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Imply, 2nd-Wildcat Cartridge, 3rd-Smokinpaddylassie
	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	1st-Fast and Accurate, 2nd-Beyond Smart, 3rd-Driven to Compete
Sat., June 22	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Chilly in Charge, 2nd-Wrong Color, 3rd-Kelli's Smile
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Wildcat Combat, 2nd-Afleet Tizzy, 3rd-The Circle Game
Sun., July 7	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Jaguar Poz, 2nd-Missin the Big Dog, 3rd-Fast and Accurate
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Imply, 2nd-Darcy Mae, 3rd-Trolley Ride
Sat., Aug. 3	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	1st-Midtowncharlybrown, 2nd-Midnightcharly, 3rd-The Man
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	1st-Someday Jones, 2nd-Grasshoppin, 3rd-Navy Commander
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Hollywood Talent, 2nd-Amblin Man, 3rd-Smooth B
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	1st-Afleet Tizzy, 2nd-Sweet Bye and Bye, 3rd-Trace of Grace
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	1st-Imply, 2nd-Pink Elephant, 3rd-Shemakesmehappy
Mon., Sept. 9	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Ledecka, 2nd-Redeem My Heart, 3rd-Key Light
Sat., Sept. 21,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Pumpkin Rumble, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Taxable Goods
	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	1st-Trace of Grace, 2nd-Trolley Ride, 3rd-Mill and Gloria
Mon., Sept. 23	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Weed Wacker, 2nd-Lula's Roadrunner, 3rd-Leaky Cauldron
Wed., Oct. 16	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	
Wed., Nov. 27	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 7	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through August 31, 2019

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	274,525	274,525	Godstone Farm LP	96,242	20,165	116,407
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	179,259	82,701	261,961	Patricia L. Chapman	57,480	44,010	101,490
Glenn E. Brok LLC	155,903	84,348	240,251	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	99,959	0	99,959
Barlar LLC	188,778	45,155	233,933	Peter Giangiulio	67,617	19,766	87,383
Donald L. Brown Jr.	182,759	45,690	228,449	Xanthus Farms Inc.	84,190	2,886	87,076
Pewter Stable	177,958	21,850	199,808	Stonehedge Farm of PA (Equivine Farm)	75,524	0	75,524
William J. Solomon VMD	86,671	94,019	180,690	Thomas G. McClay	74,054	0	74,054
Blackstone Farm LLC	174,539	1,200	175,739	Robert G. Rutherford	67,943	0	67,943
Godric LLC	164,080	0	164,080	Henry R. Nothhaft	38,589	24,277	62,866
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	156,114	0	156,114	Kenneth L. Ramsey	47,736	12,217	59,953
Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	78,238	59,203	137,442	Spring Run Farm LLC	59,741	0	59,741
Sylmar Farm Inc.	123,486	0	123,486	Angelo Zalalas	59,107	0	59,107

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	389	149,219	Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	45	20,714
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	252	82,701	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	98	20,189
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	149	72,137	Offlee Wild	William J. Solomon VMD	63	19,479
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	66	62,983	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	52	18,427
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	111	57,825	Winchill	Pewter Stable	19	17,793
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	54	45,690	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	76	15,671
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	63	45,155	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	44	14,275
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	161	42,862	Cozar	Glenn S. Wismer Racing Stables Inc.	38	12,994
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	111	34,927	Corinthian	William J. Solomon VMD	75	12,314
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	37	26,871	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	40	11,600
Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	104	24,391	City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	73	11,503
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	90	24,277	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	41	11,242

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Imply *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	4	0	176,400	99,432	24,858	6,480	307,170
Midnightcharly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	7	0	77,200	78,824	19,706	18,560	194,290
Someday Jones *	Smarty Jones - Last Toots	Patricia L. Chapman	3	0	59,400	52,100	13,025	16,000	140,525
Gotta Be Strong	Strong Mandate - Gotta Rush	Scott Naylor	6	0	59,400	37,600	0	34,400	131,400
Midtowncharlybrown *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	3	0	62,640	53,400	13,350	0	129,390
Wildcat Combat *	Messner - She Is a Lioness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	3	0	57,000	43,604	10,901	3,760	115,265
Zipper's Hero *	Partner's Hero - Open Zipper	Peter Giangiulio	5	0	65,340	32,300	8,075	0	105,715
Afleet Tizzy	Tizway - Nec Metu	Blackstone Farm LLC	5	0	76,600	22,627	0	1,156	100,383
Hollywood Talent *	Talent Search - Intrinsic Value	Kenneth L. Ramsey	1	0	57,600	28,800	7,200	0	93,600
Thiscatcanjump *	Jump Start - Cat Mistress	Richard A. Malouf	7	0	23,120	41,416	10,354	14,720	89,610
Jaguar Poz	Majesticperfection - Star of Luvina	James E. Hess	3	0	59,400	18,952	0	8,160	86,512
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	5	0	0	44,864	11,216	27,360	83,440
Fast and Accurate	Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance	John R. Penn	2	0	66,690	13,338	0	0	80,028
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	5	0	3,960	37,968	9,492	27,120	78,540
I'm the Talent *	Talent Search - Oh Lolly Lolly	Golden Oak Farm LLC	3	0	19,800	38,640	8,715	10,800	77,955
Winning the Medal *	Medallist - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	6	0	0	42,599	10,650	23,228	76,477
Chasing My Halo *	Weigelia - Halo Effect	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	8	0	0	42,897	10,724	18,812	72,433
Every Step *	Messner - Every Breath	Donald L. Brown Jr.	7	0	0	40,070	10,018	21,936	72,024
Chilly in Charge	Take Charge Indy - Holiday Chills	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	2	0	58,800	11,760	0	0	70,560
Call Paul	Friesan Fire - Avani Force	Vicky Schowe	1	0	57,600	11,520	0	0	69,120
The Circle Game	Oxbow - Dixieland Knockout	Pewter Stable	6	0	9,500	32,051	0	23,820	65,371
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	9	0	0	43,558	10,890	10,256	64,704
Celesse	Line of David - Cherokee Moonlight	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	7	0	0	27,234	0	34,028	61,262
Sweetest Yet	Drosselmeyer - Even Sweeter	Stonehedge Farm of PA (Equivine Farm)	7	0	18,600	20,280	0	22,368	61,248

*Denotes PA-sired