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- Stallion registration: Feb. 15 of year breeding
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## **Shooting for the Stars**

by Emily Shields

The ride that Smarty Jones took Pat and Roy Chapman on in 2004 was unlike anything they had ever experienced. Since then, Pat has been trying to recapture that feeling, and has gotten close with her special broodmare, Shootforthestars.

Pennsylvania-bred poster boy Smarty Jones won eight of nine starts and earned \$7,613,155. His lone loss came in the Belmont Stakes-G1, where the plucky chestnut colt was attempting to win the Triple Crown. Just 18 months after Smarty Jones's run ended, Roy Chapman – fondly known as "Chappy" – passed away after a lengthy battle with emphysema. Pat Chapman believes that "Smarty's" considerable grit, brilliance, and resulting theatrics helped prolong the life of her ailing husband.

"He and I did everything together," Pat Chapman said. "That November after he passed, I was at the [2006] Keeneland sale hoping to buy some girlfriends for Smarty Jones."

With the help of Robert Clay, the owner of Three Chimneys Farm, where Smarty Jones stood at stud, and that of bloodstock guru Anne Peters, Chapman looked at dozens of mares. "I kept trying to buy one mare after another, and I kept getting outbid," she said. "We walked pounds off ourselves looking at all these mares, trying to take one home. Then we came across this mare, Shootforthestars. I loved her pedigree, and thought, 'The stars are aligning. I have to take her home.'"

Bidding quickly skyrocketed for a mare who hadn't ever raced. "I bid an obscene amount to buy her," Chapman said. "I told Robert Clay I couldn't go



Shootforthestars, bred exclusively to Smarty Jones since 2007, has been a multiple stakes producer for Pat Chapman.

any higher, but he said to just go one more bid. And I got her." Shootforthestars hammered at \$450,000.

The price made sense based on female family alone: third dam Lotka was a Grade 1 winner who scored in eight stakes races and placed in four others. She produced nine winners from 11 to race, including four stakes horses. Lotka lived out her days at the Our Mims Retirement Haven in Kentucky, passing in 2013.

Her best daughter, Lotta Dancing, won the Grade 3 Affectionately at Aqueduct in 1996. She had been Grade 1-placed the year prior, and retired with \$358,201 to her name. Her first son was Fantasticat, a Grade 2 winner in the United States who began his career in Ireland. All eight of Lotta Dancing's starters won.

Her very first foal was Shootforthestars. From one of the final crops of 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, Shootforthestars never raced but her daughter by Giant's Causeway (named General Consensus, later dual Grade 2-placed in California) had sold as a yearling a few months earlier for \$400,000. The mare had foaled a Smarty Jones colt that March (future winner Keefer).

"I had determined that I wanted her," Chapman said. "And when they pointed at me and said, 'Sold!' I thought, 'Oh my God, Chappy, what have I done?' My husband would shoot me; he would never have let me spend that kind of money. But I just had this dream of combining Smarty Jones with a Seattle Slew mare. The dreams I had for this mare were about as out of line as the price I paid for her!"

Shootforthestars was in foal to Elusive Quality–Smarty Jones's sire–when Chapman brought her home. That resulting foal was My Elusive Star, who was a stakes-placed, fourtime winner in Pennsylvania. From there she became essentially "married" to Smarty Jones, producing nine straight foals by the classy runner.

Grade 1 winner Centralinteligence came first. The wickedly quick colt was sold for \$90,000 as a yearling, and went on to win the Grade 1 Triple Bend Handicap at Hollywood Park. He was injured in the 2013 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1, but went on to be retrained as a riding horse.

Winners Cash Finance, Champion Color, and Sky Wise came next, followed by a horse Chapman kept, Nasa. The bay colt was the closest Chapman got to replicating Smarty Jones: he won the 2014 Pennsylvania Nursery and ran second in one of the first Kentucky Derby preps of 2015, the Grade 3 Jerome Stakes.

"He looked like he might follow in his daddy's footsteps," Chapman said, "but he didn't quite have that talent." Nasa earned \$263,024 from 12 starts.

Kendricks and current 3-year-old Dreams Untold also became winners – the latter has won half his eight starts – to push the mare's record to 12 winners from 13 to race. Shootforthestars' offspring have earnings of nearly \$1.75 million. Unfortunately, Shootforthestars has been very difficult to both get and keep in foal; she either aborted or didn't catch in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2019.

Shirley Lojeski, who keeps Shootforthestars at her Emmaus, Pa., farm, said, "There's added anticipation waiting to see if she's in foal. Once she has a foal, I don't worry if it's going to be good, because she's had no bad foals. The thing is whether or not she's going to get in foal this year."

Shootforthestars has a juvenile filly in training named Sail Above, and produced another Smarty Jones daughter earlier this year. She did not catch for 2021 until July, and is due to have a very late foal next year. "This may be her last foal," Chapman said of her 22-year-old mare. "I am so thankful to Rodney Eckenrode at Equistar Training and Breeding, which is where Smarty stands now. Shootforthestars goes up there and spends quite a while trying to get in foal."

Lojeski added about the beloved mare, "She's friendly, and very nice that way. She's not a bossy mare with the other ones, she just blends in and stays out of trouble. You just have to hold your breath on whether she will get pregnant."

Chapman, 79, is anticipating the final few foals from Shootforthestars, and is busy keeping track of the 20 horses she still owns. "I sure don't feel my age," she said. "I think it's keeping up with these horses that keeps me feeling good."

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

As we are coming closer to year end, I would like to thank all our breeders who hung in during this unprecedented time. We'll never forget 2020 and I wish all of you a happier and healthier 2021. With your help Pennsylvania will continue to lead the way!

Congratulations to Triple Threat Stables owned and bred 2yo PA-Bred Plane Drunk, latch-to-wire winner of the Shamrock Rose Stakes at Penn National Nov. 6. Congrats to all the connections! The abbreviated 2020 PA-Bred stakes schedule concludes Dec. 7 at Parx with the Nursery Stakes for 2-year-olds going 7 furlongs. Should be a fantastic event. Thanks goes out to the PTHA Horsemen and PARX Racing for their help with the PA Stakes this year.

Our new Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory will be coming out in December. Paper copies will be mailed to all 2020 registered PHBA members, and will also be available at Penn and Parx. An interactive directory will be available online. Use it to pick your next champion and purchase that season during our upcoming auction.

Our 11th annual PHBA Stallion Auction will begin Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. and end on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at 9 p.m. It will take place online at thoroughlybred. com and links will be posted on pabred.com to access the sale. It



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# **PA-Bred Fund Statistics:** Top Earners

		LEADIN	G EARNEF	RS - TOTAL AWARDS
Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	149,004	149,004	Arrowwood Farm Inc.
William J. Solomon VMD	71,785	48,110	119,895	Flint W. Stites
Glenn E. Brok LLC	69,847	43,251	113,098	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC
Blackstone Farm LLC	110,268	0	110,268	Castle Rock Farm
Pewter Stable	61,536	17,396	78,932	Mary R. Szeyller
Thomas G. McClay	72,348	0	72,348	Spring Run Farm LLC
Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	52,048	13,392	65,440	Ashwell Stables Inc.
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	41,307	23,764	65,072	Wendy H. Mutnick
Sylmar Farm Inc.	64,057	0	64,057	Donald L. Brown Jr.
Richard N. Miller	43,454	8,816	52,270	Barlar LLC
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	42,219	8,623	50,843	W M T Stables Inc.
Patricia L. Chapman	33,876	14,256	48,132	Godstone Farm LP

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	46,610	0	46,610
Flint W. Stites	36,736	8,441	45,177
Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	44,853	0	44,853
Castle Rock Farm	42,404	0	42,404
Mary R. Szeyller	42,263	0	42,263
Spring Run Farm LLC	41,416	0	41,416
Ashwell Stables Inc.	40,975	0	40,975
Wendy H. Mutnick	40,724	0	40,724
Donald L. Brown Jr.	32,847	7,812	40,659
Barlar LLC	27,576	7,915	35,491
W M T Stables Inc.	34,937	0	34,937
Godstone Farm LP	22,097	12,433	34,529

### **LEADING STALLIONS**

January 1 through August 30, 2020

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	c. 276	83,507	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	45	10,440		
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Ind	c. 107	48,434	Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	22	8,572		
Talent Search	Glenn E Brok LLC	87	32,670	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	19	8,441		
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	102	23,764	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc	. 19	7,939		
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LL	C 42	22,016	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	8	7,812		
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	66	19,269	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	21	7,595		
Winchill	Pewter Stable	22	16,885	Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	11	6,920		
Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	36	14,498	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	7	6,657		
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	73	14,256	II Villano	Chuck Russo	16	5,859		
Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	50	12,433	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	4	5,276		
Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	53	12,100	Offlee Wild	William J. Solomon VMD	15	4,875		
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	25	11,641	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	25	4,511		

## **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
Dreamer's Moon	Alternation - Dream Realized	Blackstone Farm LLC	6	0	0	27,600	0	32,400	60,000
Final Shot *	Talent Search - Last Shot	Wendy H. Mutnick	5	0	0	33,584	8,396	16,960	58,940
Brilliant Chase	Golden Lad - Fix You	Matthew T. Groff	6	0	0	22,171	0	25,020	47,191
Mess'n Around *	Messner - She Is a Lioness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	2	0	0	23,856	5,964	17,040	46,860
Wise Jude *	Wiseman's Ferry - Sweet as You Are	A & J Racing Stable LLC	4	0	0	24,948	6,237	14,720	45,905
E T's Gypsy Woman *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N. Miller	2	0	0	28,740	6,240	10,800	45,780
Wait for It *	Uptowncharlybrown - Kimberley Diamond	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	2	0	0	22,064	5,516	15,760	43,340
Madam Meena	Include - Good Tidings	Michael R. Cox	8	0	0	23,402	0	19,560	42,962
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	4	0	0	25,152	6,288	11,280	42,720
Peach Alley *	Jump Start - How Bout Tonight	Thomas G. McClay	6	0	0	21,644	5,411	15,460	42,515
My Danzig Partner *	Partner's Hero - Second in Power	Castle Rock Farm	8	0	0	22,428	4,922	14,064	41,414
Word On a Wing *	Winchill - Merry's Pegasus	Pewter Stable	2	0	0	23,856	5,964	9,840	39,660
Admiral Abe	Midshipman - Precious Penny	James Walker	6	0	0	15,918	0	21,832	37,750
Its a Journey *	Jump Start - Lovely Senorita	Mary R. Szeyller	2	0	0	19,040	4,760	13,600	37,400
Graves Island *	Petionville - Sherrie Belle	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	6	0	0	21,250	5,313	10,036	36,599
Heraway *	Jump Start - Empires Answer	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	6	0	0	16,621	4,155	11,872	32,648
Red Razzo *	Toccet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	4	0	0	21,104	5,276	6,160	32,540
Flashy Kyem *	Medallist - Flash Riot	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	3	0	0	15,680	3,920	11,200	30,800
Geebert *	Albert the Great - Gee Pari	Richard Molineaux	3	0	0	16,464	3,612	10,320	30,396
Sunday Inn *	El Padrino - Dynamist	Patricia L. Chapman	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Lucky Hero *	Partner's Hero - Leigh's Last Power	Barbara J. Geraghty	3	0	0	18,912	4,728	6,480	30,120
Jerusalem Gates	Point of Entry - Midnight Ramble	Michael J. Moran	3	0	0	14,000	0	16,000	30,000
Frank N Ducky *	Uptowncharlybrown - Gumdrop	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	1	0	0	16,800	3,360	9,600	29,760
*Denotes PA-sired									