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PAT ON THE BACK A MILLIONAIRE At godstone

Millionaire son of Congrats brings star power to PA

STORY BY EMILY SHIELDS

Few Thoroughbreds have both the class and consistency of Pat On the Back, a young stallion new to Pennsylvania for 2021. With nine wins and 19 top three efforts in 30 starts, as well as earnings over \$1.1 million, Pat On the Back exuded excellence through a lengthy career. After a truncated 2020 campaign, the son of Congrats has taken up residence at Judy Barnett's Godstone Farm in Gettysburg for Richard Brooks, where the chestnut horse will look to pass on his best qualities to his offspring.

Pat On the Back was bred by Sugar Maple Farm in New York, where he did the majority of his racing. A son of the A.P. Indy stallion Congrats, he was out of the unplaced Awesome Again mare Accomplished. She was

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striking enough to be a \$175,000 yearling purchased by Overbrook Farm in 2001, and although she didn't stand out on the track, all eight of her starters were winners.

Her Copelan dam I'm in Celebration had a similar record with 10 winners from 14 to race, including Canadian stakes winner Nice to Know, and New York stakes winner Cheers and Tears, both graded stakes-placed. Perhaps the best of them all was Grade 2-placed Brave Victory. The female family continues with I'm in Celebration being a half-sister to dual Brazilian Group 1 winner Little Baby Bear, Grade 3-winner First American, and Indiana Derby winner Dubai Dust.

All that active pedigree made Pat On the Back an interesting prospect as a yearling. He sold for \$70,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton New York sale in August, being purchased by Ken McPeek for a partnership that included Harold Lerner, Wayne Cutler, Jack Cohen. Pat On the Back ran fourth on debut, but in his second start he won a seven-furlong New York-bred maiden race at Saratoga by 3¹/₂ lengths as a 5-1 shot. He then went to Finger Lakes for the \$120,950 Aspirant Stakes, which he won by a nose over the favorite Macho Miah. After running second in the Bertram F. Bongard at Belmont Park, Pat On the Back won the \$250,000 Sleepy Hollow Stakes as a 20-1 surprise, going to the lead in the one-mile contest and holding his command throughout.

He was good enough that a shot at the Kentucky Derby trail was within reach, but Pat On the Back ran sixth behind Gunnevera in the \$1 million Delta Downs Jackpot-G3 and then ran up the track in his sophomore debut in the \$200,000 LeComte Stakes-G3 at the Fair Grounds. He dropped back to allowance company while wintering in Louisiana, but it wasn't until he returned to the Empire State that Pat On the Back started winning again. He added the \$50,000 Ontario County Stakes to his resume, then stayed in New York for the entire 2018 season.

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Above: Pat On the Back, Grade 2 Kelso Stakes. Chelsea Durand Photo

After a pair of runner up finishes, Pat On the Back won the \$98,000 Saginaw Stakes at Belmont Park in July, defeating the accomplished stakes winner Twisted Tom. He soon became a fixture on the New York circuit, winning races such as the \$300,000 Empire Classic and running fifth in the Grade 1 Cigar Mile.

After winning a pair of Belmont Park state-bred stakes races to kick off 2019, Pat On the Back got his graded score in the \$300,000 Kelso Handicap-G2, holding off Prince Lucky and eventual Grade 1 hero True Timber. He never won again, but retired after two starts in 2020 with a record of nine wins, four seconds, and six thirds in 30 starts. He earned \$1,144,545.

Along the way, Jeremiah Englehart took over Pat On the Back's training, which is how Brooks became involved. "Desert Party had just been sold overseas, so I was considering bringing another stallion into Pennsylvania," Brooks said. "Jeremiah hooked me up with the ownership group, and I told them how much I loved the Pennsylvania program. They turned him over to me completely with the understanding that if he doesn't get a certain number of mares, we will look at another career." They are driven to the care and well being of Pat On The Back.

Getting mares should be no problem for Pat On the Back. "He's sound, has great conformation, and a great personality," farm owner Barrett said. "I like everything about him. He was so consistent, that he should make a really nice horse for people that want to race, or want a horse that is durable and tries. I'm very happy to have him."

Barrett noted that Pat On the Back isn't oversized, but is well built. "He's a compact sort of horse," she said, "but he's put together very nicely which is part of the reason he was able to stay sound. It's in the way he moves. He's just a smart, nice sort of horse."

"I love Godstone Farm," Brooks explained as to the stallion's placement. "Judy is a great horse woman." Cristina Holmes a Blessed handler of Pat who is enjoying Pat and establishing his routine for this new career.

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Entering stud in 2021 Grade 2 Millionaire SW at 2, 3, 4 & 5 A leading son of Congrats PATE ON THE BACK

Won his second start (of 30 lifetime) in a Saratoga maiden special weight and went on to win an additional 8 races–all stakes, including the Grade 2 Kelso H with a 103 Beyer score (above), and 10 stakes placings.

"No matter what was put in front of him, he always tried and gave us 110%. He was a favorite around the barn because of the way he always showed up in a race." Jeremiah Englehart, trainer



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Littlestown, PA Judy Barrett 717.359.5365 Inquiries to R.A. Brooks Jr. 828.317.7000 or Christina Holmes 443.854.4404 Brooks has a plan for making Pat On the Back offspring attractive to buyers. "We have an unbelievable share the upside program that if people participate in him and then he does well and a Kentucky farm wants to buy him, there will be a pool of money that goes back to the people who got in on him early. We want to give people the opportunity to be part of a potentially very successful sire."

Brooks now finds himself busy recruiting mares for the classy horse. "Our hope is that we get a few quick 2-year-olds and people will want to help take him to the next level," he said. "Maybe Jeremiah [Englehart] or Ken McPeek might want to buy a couple of them and support him that way. And I'm anxious to see how he matures after the breeding season starts; his daddy [Congrats] was ultimately very successful."

The privilege of managing such a talented horse is not lost on Brooks, who acknowledges the horse was very well managed during his first career. "They could have run "He's a compact sort of horse," Barrett said, "but he's put together very nicely which is part of the reason he was able to stay sound. It's in the way he moves. He's just a smart, nice sort of horse."

him in all the graded races, but why do that when you can pick up state-bred money? They gave him time off, they pointed him for the right spots. That's how you make a racehorse."



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TIGHT TEN - TAPIT CONNECTION AT MOUNTAIN SPRINGS

STORY BY EMILY SHIELDS

Top conditioner Steve Asmussen once told Michael Power that Tight Ten was one of the best-looking runners by Tapit that he trained for Winchell Thoroughbreds. Considering that list includes Breeders' Cup winners Untapable and Tapizar, as well as the classy Tapiture, that is quite a statement. Now, Tight Ten finds himself at stud in Pennsylvania, bringing not just his looks but his exceptional juvenile form and a strong pedigree, too.

A homebred son of Tapit and the winning Distorted Humor mare Devils Humor, Tight Ten came out running on debut. Entered in a Churchill Downs maiden special weight in June 2018, and under the handling of jockey Ricardo Santana Jr., Tight Ten went to the lead immediately and won gate-to-wire by 4¼ lengths despite trouble in the lane.

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""When people see him, they fall in love. He's just a handsome horse."

"Not only did he go :21.3 early," said stallion owner Michael Power, "but he was drawing away when he hit the rail in the stretch and bounced off. Most horses would have shied away, but he continued on to win."

Having precocious form came as no surprise, since Devils Humor won on debut, and her dam, the Seattle Slew mare Fleet Renee, was a Grade 1 winner in April of her sophomore year. All five of Fleet Renee's offspring to race ended up winning, while Devils Humor's first foal was the stakes-placed winner All in Fun.

With Tight Ten having broken his maiden so impressively, stakes company was the obvious next step. He was entered in the \$200,000 Saratoga Special-G2 and ran second behind Pennsyvlania-bred Call Paul, defeating future Kentucky Derby runner Spinoff. Stretched out to two turns for the first time, Tight Ten ran second in the \$150,000 Iroquois Stakes-G3 after a bad start, leading every step save the last two.

He then completed his season in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1, where he had another very bad trip, hitting the rail in the first turn and ultimately injuring a ligament. Despite the setback, Tight Ten still outran future Grade 2 winner Complexity in that race.

After running poorly in the Grade 3 LeComte Stakes at the Fair Grounds in his 3-year-old debut, Tight Ten's ligament injury was discovered and he was off from January until August. He didn't win again until February 2020, when he scored a front-running victory in allowance company at Sam Houston going a mile. He was retired in October with a record of two wins, three seconds, and a third in 14 starts for earnings of \$132,369.

"I just know that this colt was going to be a top sprinter or miler if he hadn't been injured," Power said. "He was extremely talented, and truly cut out to be top class. A lot of the Tapits can run 10 or 12 furlongs, but in my experience, it is the six- and seven-furlong type horses that make the best sires. I researched a lot of Tapit horses based on the East Coast, and none were more precocious or quick than Tight Ten."

Power was thrilled to obtain Tight Ten, who is bred on the same cross as 2020 leading second-crop sire Constitution: Tapit out of a Distorted Humor mare. Constitution has already sired the likes of

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TIGHT TEN

\$2,500 LFSN Tapit-Devils Humor, by Distorted Humor

Brilliantly fast Grade 2 juvenile by TAPIT

Three-quarter brother to leading second-crop sire CONSTITUTION

- Won first start gate-to-wire by 4¼ lengths, after setting an opening quarter in :213/3
- Grade 2-placed in second start, \$200,000 Saratoga Special, going 6½ fur.

• Grade 3-placed in third start, \$150,000 Iroquois S, after leading the way going 1¹/₁₆ miles

Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Tiz the Law, top juvenile Independence Hall and three Group 1 winners in South American in his young career. "Constitution is going to be booked full next year at \$85,000, and my horse is just \$2,500," Power said. "And if the breeder has additional mares, they will be only \$2,000 each."

Tight Ten is entering stud for 2021 at Mountain Springs Farm in Palmyra. Farm owner Rich Miller said of Tight Ten: "He's really correct with a great temperament and pedigree. Hopefully he passes all of that on. We will wait and see when the foals get here."

Power is pleased with Mountain Springs Farm, which has new barns and fencing. "I feel confident in saying that any mares that go there will get the very best of care," Power said. "It is a beautiful farm."

Miller noted that Tight Ten is turned out in a large paddock and that the horse is so easy to work with he, "acts more like a gelding. I'll breed three of four of my mares to him this year."

"He's got the temperament of a kitty cat," Power agreed. "As a stallion owner

and breeder, I consider temperament to be a very important quality because reliably, a horse that gets in trouble is a horse that gets hurt. This horse is not that way, he's a sweet horse, he's mellow. He has a beautiful head, is wide between the eyes, and has a big nostril. He really is the whole package."

Power is so confident in his charge that he offering a deal to breeders who bring four mares to see Tight Ten. "To encourage the best breeders, I'm giving a free lifetime breeding right after they've bred four mares," he explained. "And that right will transfer with him in the event that he becomes another Malibu Moon and fires big on the East Coast so that Kentucky wants him. The lifetime rights stay with the horse no matter where he goes, so it's a good investment for people."

Tight Ten is one of just two sons of Tapit standing in the state this year, and is the cheapest at \$2,500. He is inbred 4x3 to Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, and 4x5x4 to Mr. Prospector. "He's got a sire's pedigree more than any other horse in Pennsylvania," Power said. "That Seattle Slew inbreeding is a fabulous trait in a stallion, and he is sired by a proven sire of sires. This horse is very exciting, and I think he will be a standout with this breeding program."

Breeders already seem to agree, as bookings for 2021 are being finalized. "We have a lot of nice mares already booked to him: stakes-winning mares, Curlin mares, well-bred mares," Power said. "When people see him, they fall in love. He's just a handsome horse."

NEW TO PENNSYLVANIA FOR 2021 Tapit's most precocious son east of Kentucky





Brilliantly fast Grade 2 juvenile by TAPIT Three-quarter brother to leading second-crop sire CONSTITUTION

- Won first start wire-to-wire by 4¼ lengths, after setting an opening quarter in :21%
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- Grade 3-placed in third start, \$150,000 Iroquois S, after leading the way going 1¹/₁₆ miles
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HALL OF FAME TRAINER JONATHAN Sheppard Retires

The PA-based trainer calls it a career after more than 50 years.

STORY BY DON CLIPPINGER Reprinted with Permission

Jonathan Sheppard, a Hall of Fame trainer whose horses excelled on the dirt, on turf and over steeplechase fences, has retired from American horse racing he announced on Jan. 4.

Sheppard, who turned 80 in December, won every race and prize worth winning in American steeplechase racing over a 56-year career. He is the National Steeplechase Association's all-time leading trainer by wins (1,242) and purse earnings (\$24,902,442). He has been the champion trainer by wins 26 times, and he has led the sport by purses in 29 years, both records.

He also had the distinction of winning a race at Saratoga Race Course in 47 straight years through 2015.

He has won 15 Eclipse Awards, behind only D. Wayne Lukas and Bob Baffert, and his 11 individual Eclipse Award winners have included two Hall of Fame members, Augustin Stables' Cafe Prince and Flatterer, the four-time champion (1983-1986) who was bred by Sheppard and William Pape, a longtime client and partner. Sheppard was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 1990.

Also among Sheppard's Eclipse winners were Forever Together (Belong to Me), the 2008 female turf champion, and Informed Decision (Monarchos), the champion female sprinter the following year. Both were owned by George Strawbridge Jr.'s Augustin Stable. He also trained William T. Young's Storm Cat, a Grade 1 winner who became America's foremost stallion in the 1990s.

Over the years, Sheppard has provided leadership to the steeplechase sport. He served as the NSA's president from 2004 to 2006 and received the sport's highest honor, the F. Ambrose Clark Award, in 2013.

He also has provided leadership in other ways. Throughout his career, he has been the go-to interview for race meets looking to provide media stories that were

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He also has participated in groundbreaking research projects with the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center, not far from his training base in West Grove, Pa., approximately 35 miles west of Philadelphia. Throughout his career, he has strived successfully to bring new owners into Thoroughbred racing.

His impact on the sport has continued to today. His most recent champion, in 2019, was Hudson River Farms' Winston C (Ire), now in training in Ireland, and he won the steeplechase trainer titles by wins and purse earnings in the recently concluded 2020 season.

"People undoubtedly will ask why I am retiring now," Sheppard said. "There's no one single reason, and the reasons combined to say that now was the time to step back from American racing. I always wanted to go out on top, and the past year's championships checked that box.

"I had a flare-up of my Lyme Disease last year that kept me away from the horses and the races. It's in remission now, but in fairness to my owners, I didn't want to have another Lyme episode interfere with their horses' careers. My staff at Ashwell in Pennsylvania did a marvelous job with the horses last year, but I don't want to repeat that.

"And, I just turned 80, so it seems to be a good time to pass the reins to a younger generation



In 2018, Jonathan received the PHBA's First Annual Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence and Integrity in Breeding.

Click the photo above to view the introduction speech by longtime friend Paddy Neilson (pictured above), followed by Sheppard's acceptance.

here in the U.S. I'm not ready to retire completely, and that's why I am retaining a small stable in Ireland for now."

Jonathan E. Sheppard was born Dec. 2, 1940, in the Hertfordshire hamlet of Ashwell, approximately 45 miles north of London. His father, Daniel, was a Jockey Club handicapper, and as a result, Sheppard was exposed to racing at an early age. For several reasons, however, a racing career in England was impossible.

Because of his father's position, conflict-of-interest regulations prohibited him from participating under rules in England even though he was an accomplished point-to-point jockey. Beyond that, he had neither the financial resources nor the connections to train in England or France.

After completing his education at Eton, he proved conclusively to himself and everyone else that he was not cut out to be a stockbroker during a stint at a brokerage firm bearing the family name.

In the early 1960s, he turned his eyes westward to the Unitcontinued on page 17



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ed States. He landed in the Pennsylvania operation of W. Burling Cocks, himself a future Hall of Fame member. Sheppard absorbed a knowledge of American flat and steeplechase racing, and-after a return to England and a brief period working in France's racing center in Chantilly-came back to the U.S.

He took out his trainer's license in 1965 and won one start on the flat that year, according to Equibase statistics. His first steeplechase winner was Redmond Stewart's Haffaday in the 1966 John Rush Streett maiden timber race at My Lady's Manor in Maryland. Two years later, Haffaday won the Maryland Hunt Cup for him.

Sheppard concluded 1966 with seven jumps victories and tied for seventh in the steeplechase trainer standings. The prior winter, Sheppard had met Strawbridge at an Aiken, S.C., dinner, and they immediately developed a rapport. It was misfortune, rather than success, that cemented a relationship that would endure for five decades.

When one of Strawbridge's early horses sustained a career-ending injury, Sheppard volunteered that his actions-bandages applied too tightly and improper jumping boot-had led to the breakdown. Strawbridge said in a 1970s interview that he was impressed with Sheppard's honesty and decided to continue their relationship. They notched their first victory together with Brandon Hill at Aqueduct in September 1966.

It was a partnership that blossomed over the following decades and took off at a turning point of American steeplechase racing. The arrival of New York off-track betting in the early 1970s led to the virtual banishment of jump racing from the metropolitan tracks. Steeplechase racing pivoted to its roots, the race meets that grew out of fox hunting and became increasingly popular as upscale community activities.

Strawbridge, a descendant of Campbell Soup Co.'s founder and a history professor, was a highly talented amateur jockey, and many of his Sheppard-trained horses were suited to the hunt meets. Augustin would become the NSA's all-time leading owner with more than \$9 million in purses and 23 annual championships from 1974 through 2005.

Sheppard won his first steeplechase title by wins in 1970 and, as racing moved away from Aqueduct and Belmont Park, his first earnings title in 1973.

The best member of the Augustin-Sheppard steeplechase team was Cafe Prince, who was bred

in California by Verne Winchell and won four times over fences at three in 1973. He achieved his best form in 1977 and 1978, when he was voted Eclipse Awards as North America's champion steeplechase horse.

Cafe Prince won the International Gold Cup at the Rolling Rock Races in Ligonier, Pa., in his championship years, and he twice won the Colonial Cup in Camden, S.C. (in 1975 and 1977). He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1985.

Sheppard collected his first Eclipse Award in 1973 with Athenian Idol, a \$2,200 purchase who had started in Sheppard's name in 1971. Athenian Idol missed the following season, and Sheppard offered a half-interest in him to Pape, a Long Island auto dealer who was beginning to expand his involvement in jump racing.

Athenian Idol won six times in 1973, including victories in the International Gold Cup and the Temple Gwathmey, to sew up his Eclipse Award and launch a partnership that included four more champions: Martie's Anger in 1979, Flatterer from 1983 through 1986, Mixed Up in 2009, and Divine Fortune in 2013.

None shone brighter than Flatterer. Always frugal, Sheppard bred him with a free season to Mo Bay, a multiple stakes winner he had trained for Augustin. Sheppard and Pape also owned the mare, Horizontal, by Nade, who was a modest winner.

Flatterer was good from the start.

"He was exceptional. You know you were a part of something special while it was happening," Sheppard told The BloodHorse's Esther Marr shortly after Flatterer's death at age 35 in 2014.

At 4 in 1983, Flatterer sealed his first Eclipse Award by winning the steeplechase triple crownthe Grand National, Temple Gwathmey and Colonial Cup. He would win the Colonial Cup, then a championship year-end race, three more times. He became so dominant that in 1986 he carried a record 176 pounds to victory in the National Hunt Cup in Malvern, Pa.

In all, he started 52 times, won 24 of those starts, and had eight second-place finishes and five third-place finishes. Two of his best races were sec-

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In 1986, Sheppard and Pape dispatched Flatterer to France for the French Champion Hurdle. The heavily watered Auteuil course was a bog, but Flatterer ran bravely to finish second, beaten five lengths. Accompanying Flatterer on that trip was assistant trainer Graham Motion, a fellow Englishman who would go on to a distinguished training career of his own.

Flatterer recovered from that grueling test to win his fourth Colonial Cup that fall. Sheppard brought him back in early spring for a shot at England's Champion Hurdle at the 1987 Cheltenham Festival. He again finished a valiant second, beaten less than two lengths by the champion hurdler See You Then.

He came home to win the Iroquois Steeplechase in May before bowing a tendon in the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase that fall and retiring to Pape's Pennsylvania farm. Flatterer joined Sheppard in the Hall of Fame in 1994.

By then, it was clear that Sheppard could train any type of horse, and Kentucky businessman William Young entrusted him in 1985 with Storm Cat, a 2-year-old by the Northern Dancer stallion Storm Bird and out of the stakes-winning Secretariat mare Terlingua. The colt was foaled at Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania so that Terlingua could be transported easily to Windfields Farm in Maryland to be bred to Northern Dancer.

Despite offset knees, the powerfully built Storm Cat showed he was something special by winning the Meadowlands' Grade 1 Young America, then one of the top juvenile stakes in the country, and he went off as the second favorite in the second Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 at Aqueduct. He led by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the stretch, but could not resist Tasso, who won by a nose and claimed the 1985 Eclipse Award.

Storm Cat underwent surgery for knee chips over the winter, won at a moderate level at 3 and did not race after. Young wanted to sell him as a stallion prospect, but Sheppard's wife, former jockey Cathy Montgomery Sheppard, counseled Young to stand him at the owner's Overbrook Farm in Lexington. She had frequently galloped the headstrong Storm Cat and believed he would prosper at stud.

Young changed his mind and prospered. Storm Cat became the dominant sire of his generation as well as a sire of sires, among them the prominent stallion Giant's Causeway. Storm Cat passed along his precocity and was the leading North American *continued on next page*



sire of juveniles a record seven times.

By then, Sheppard was maintaining a schedule that would break a less committed or less competitive person. He had horses stabled at the Pennsylvania farm and horses in Camden for the winter months; he had horses at Philadelphia Park and, during its fall season, at the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

He also was an inveterate multitasker who was pulled over on occasion for reading the Daily Racing Form while driving between racetracks and the farm. His formidable intellect gathered information, processed all the data, and applied the acquired knowledge when appropriate.

No horse illustrated Sheppard's process better than Forever Together, who was a Grade 2 winner at 3 but had a condition—a compromised ability to sweat, or anhidrosis—that limited her prospects. Sheppard remembered an old Irish remedy, Guinness Stout, and began mixing it into her feed. She began to sweat, and Sheppard moved her onto the turf, where she won three Grade 1 races, including the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 and an Eclipse Award in 2008.

The following year, Sheppard accounted for two champions, Augustin's Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 winner Informed Decision as the year's leading female sprinter and Mixed Up as the steeplechase champion. He closed out the most recent decade with two more champions, Divine Fortune and Winston C, both over fences.

Sheppard extracted the most out of his charges, even as they aged. This was exemplified by Divine Fortune, an Eclipse Award winner and winner of the Grand National at age 10; and With Anticipation, a Strawbridge homebred who had his best seasons at ages 6 and 7, earning more than \$2.3 million over those two years as one of the best turf horses in the country. With Anticipation had three Grade 1 wins, and a second in the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1, in 2002.

Between the jumps and the racetrack, Sheppard has accounted for almost 21,000 starts, and won 3,426 races. His career earnings total just shy of \$88.7 million. It has been a marvelous career, the sum total of intelligence, experience, instinct, horse knowledge and horse sense.

Charles Fenwick Jr., a retired steeplechase jockey and trainer, summarized the marvel that is Jonathan Sheppard in a 1980 interview with Sports Illustrated's Douglas S. Looney.

"You can't explain brilliance," he said.

After 56 brilliant years, Jonathan Sheppard has closed the book on his history-making American training experience.

Note: Due to Irish racing rules, after Sheppard announced his retirement, he was no longer permitted to train in the country. The Irish string has been turned over to his (now former) assistant trainer Keri Brion.



Sheppard with longtime owner & PA breeder Ed Swyer

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

SPECTACULAR BID S. LAUREL PARK, \$100,000, 3 YO, 7F, 1/16

2nd MAYTHEHORSEBWITHU - g. 3, by Bullsbay – Avani Force, by Forestry B-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe (PA), O-Michael Dubb and Bethlehem Stables LLC, T-B. Russell, J-S. Russell, \$20,000



MARSHUA'S RIVER S. - G3 GULFSTREAM PARK, \$125,000, 4 YO & UP, F/M, 1M-T, 1/23

2nd SWEET BYE AND BYE - m. 6, by Sky Mesa – Twiggles, by Maria's Mon B&O-Joseph Imbesi (PA), T-S. Joseph Jr., J-J. Ortiz, \$23,750

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS continued...

<u>3rd - LADIES H.</u> AQUEDUCT, \$100,000, 4 YO & UP, F/M, 1 1/8M, 1/17

<u>2nd - HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S. - G3</u> SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK, \$300,000, 4 YO & UP, 1 1/16M, 1/31

UJJAYI - m. 5, by Smarty Jones - Ocean Road, by War Front B&O-T L Wise (PA), T-M. Maker





RECENT STAKES PERFORMERS FOR PENNSYLVANIA STALLIONS

Warrior's Reward Night Ops - 3rd, FIFTH SEASON S., Oaklawn Park, 1/23 Wicked Strong Inawic - 2nd, LOUISIANA JEWEL S., Delta Downs, 1/12

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FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED SALE

A total of 12 PA-Breds have been catalogued at the Fasig Tipton sale to be held in Lexington from February 8-9, including six just-turned yearlings. The following chart includes breeder and consignor.

HIP	Color	DOB	SEX	NAME	SIRE	DAM	SIRE OF DAM	BREEDER	CONSIGNOR	BC NOM
<u>45</u>	В	3/10/2015	М	Newly Escaped	Tiznow	Escape With Me	Arazi	Blackstone Farm LLC	Kp Sales Agent	N
<u>75</u>	В	4/13/2020	С		Tapizar	Pieces of Silver	Silver Deputy	Jeff Jeans and Stacy Jeans	S & G Thoroughbreds Agent	N
<u>177</u>	GR	2/9/2020	С		Frosted	Smart N Dreamy	Smarty Jones	Blackstone Farm LLC	South Point Sales Agency Agent II	Y
<u>295</u>	В	3/16/2020	С		Munnings	A Lady With an Ace	First Samurai	Blackstone Farm LLC	South Point Sales Agency Agent II	Y
<u>318</u>	В	2/10/2009	М	Arlene's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Sky Minister	Conquistador Cielo	Arlene London	Four Star Sales Agent	N
<u>373</u>	В	5/6/2020	С		Brody's Cause	Code Variance	Awesome Again	Towering Cumulus LLC	South Point Sales Agency Agent I	N
<u>375</u>	В	3/7/2020	F		Runhappy	Conquest Dynasty	Court Vision	Grantley Acres and Forgotten Land Investment Inc	Ballysax Bloodstock Agent for Grantley Acres	Y
<u>381</u>	В	2/23/2020	F		Hoppertunity	Cross the Desert	Desert Party	Whysper Wynd Farm LLC	Nicky Drion Thoroughbreds Agent	N
<u>413</u>	В	3/29/2008	М	Dynamic Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Dynamic Cat	Dynaformer	George Strawbridge Jr.	Mill Ridge Sales Agent	N
<u>492</u>	В	4/7/2018	F	Inblacknwhite	Constitution	lcy Tea	Storm Cat	Smart Angle LLP, C Biscuit Racing, CJB Holdings, Jeff Bozell et al	Vinery Sales Agent XVIII	Y
<u>505</u>	В	3/14/2007	М	Kissed by a Star	Kingmambo	Turkish Tryst	Turkoman	Brushwood Stable	Paramount Sales Agent II	N
<u>636</u>	В	3/3/2011	М	Shannon Faith	Discreet Cat	Jessi Take Charge	War Chant	The Elkstone Group LLC	Ballysax Bloodstock Agent XLV	N

BY THE NUMBERS:2020

LEADING PA-BRED EARNERS

1) Jakarta, \$245,727
 2) Madam Meena, \$221,740
 3) Wait for It, \$208,610
 4) Sunny Dale, \$190,480
 5) Its a Journey, \$187,260

NUMBER OF PA-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Total 17

- 3 2-year-olds
- 4 3-year-olds
- 2 4-year-olds
- 8 5 and up

TOP RUNNERS IN 2020 BY LIFETIME EARNINGS

1) Red Razzo, \$725,406
 2) Pumpkin Rumble, \$704,850
 3) Someday Jones, \$694,410
 4) Grasshoppin, \$684,750
 5) Lil Rockerfeller, \$647,878

LEADING BREEDERS OF PA-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Blackstone Farm LLC (2): Bronx Beauty, The Critical Way

LEADING PA SIRES*

- 1) Jump Start, \$3,276,137
- 2) Warrior's Reward, \$3,019,701
- 3) Wicked Strong, \$2,427,173
- 4) El Padrino, \$2,151,317
- 5) Poseidon's Warrior, \$1,972,449

LEADING PA SIRES BY NUMBER OF STAKES WINNERS*

Warrior's Reward - 6 Jump Start - 4 El Padrino - 3 Wicked Strong - 3 Rockport Harbor - 2 Uptowncharlybrown - 2

LEADING PA SIRES OF 2-YEAR-OLDS*

- 1) Wicked Strong, \$515,688
- 2) Social Inclusion, \$196,123
- 3) Jump Start, \$180,072
- 4) Peace and Justice, \$161,479
- 5) El Padrino, \$99,189

*Includes international runners

SOCIAL MEDIA SNIPPETS

FIRST WARRIOR'S REWARD FOAL ARRIVES

The 1st Warrior's Reward foal of 2021 has arrived! It's a filly out of Majestic Lady and the first of many that will be born this year!

PA STALLION NEWS

Catch up with Pennsylvania's newest stallions in January's issue of the Mid Atlantic Thoroughbred.

MAC DADDY TOO WINS AT SANTA ANITA

Doug O'Neill barn update on Mac Daddy Too, #PABred by Heart Hill Farm.

JOB OPENINGS AT CASTLE ROCK FARM

Join the crew at one of the oldest breeding farms in the state!

SPEIGHTSTOWN-FIFTH AVENUE BALL

ROWAYTON AT DIAMOND B

New-to-PA stallion Rowayton makes his public debut at Diamond B Farm's open house.

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TRAINER KATE DEMASI IS MAKING HISTORY

Read about respected trainer Kate DeMasi, the first woman trainer inducted into Parx's Hall of Fame!

FORMER PA-SIRE FLASHBACK SOLD TO KOREA

Flashback, formerly standing at Diamond B Farm, was sold to Korea to stand stud.

FIRST DELIVERY OF THE YEAR AT WYNOAKS

Maiden mare Justgimmeakiss delivers her first foal, a colt by Weigelia!

RODNEY ECKENRODE FINDING NICHE IN PA BREEDING

Rodney Eckenrode, owner of Equistar Training & Breeding, is featured in the Mid Atlantic Thoroughbred

UTCB STUD'S FIRST FOAL OF THE SEASON ARRIVES

It's a colt out of Be Bop A Lula by none other than Uptowncharlybrown!

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS MEET UPDATE

Todd Mostoller gives an update on 2021's Presque Isle Downs meet, including Covid restrictions.



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