

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The PHBA Annual Meeting will be held in person at the Kennett Square Country Club on Wednesday, May 12 at 4 p.m. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so soon as space is limited.

Our annual awards banquet honoring the champions of 2020 will be held on Friday, May 21. This year's celebration will again be held via Zoom, hopefully for the last time. Check your email for your invitation and link to the awards!



We are excited to announce that we will again be raffling off a Gator at PA Day at the Races on Monday, Aug. 23. Thank you to the NTRA for another generous donation! Raffle tickets will be sold online and in person at Parx on the backside and the day of the races.

Don't miss out on the best breeding program in the country. If you haven't sent your mares, don't delay. A maiden breeder award for PA-Sired PA-Breds is a whopping 50%, and 40% for all other races. Non PA-Sired awards are 25% and 20% respectively.

PA foals of 2021 are arriving almost daily! Send us your foal photos with lineage, foaling date and location to be included in the 2021 Foal Gallery on the website and be featured on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Email photos and information to pabreeder@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any questions about our program or if you're interested in joining the Thoroughbred breeding industry in Pennsylvania, please call our office at 610.444.1050.

Brian Sanfratello Executive Secretary



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HEY CHUB -OVERACHIEVER ON THE TRACK AND AT STUD

Multiple stakes winner moves to PA to continue his success at stud

BY EMILY SHIELDS

When asked why he ultimately elected to stand Hey Chub as a stallion, owner Danny Lopez explained, "I never thought he reached his full potential as a racehorse."

That is saying a lot, considering Hey Chub was a multiple stakes winner who earned \$441,755. Now he is standing in Pennsylvania at Delaware Valley University, bringing with him to the Keystone State a whopping 88 percent winners from starters.

Hey Chub, a son of Carson City—Donna Doo, by Spend a Buck, is a homebred for Lopez, who campaigned the hard-knocking horse over six seasons. "He ran hard every time," Lopez said. "He had a lot of problems. One knee was operated on twice, he had tie back surgery before he ever ran. But he was an overachiever."

Hey Chub broke his maiden in his second start, scoring by a neck and finishing five lengths clear of the third-place horse. That was at the Meadowlands; the rest of his wins would come at Monmouth Park. He won every year from 2003 to 2008, first scoring in allowance races and then ultimately winning the \$60,000 John J. Reilly Handicap and the \$75,000 Lincroft Handicap.

Hey Chub didn't win every race, but his consistency was key: in 36 career starts, he won seven, was second 16 times, and finished third seven times. Only twice in his entire career did he finish worse than fifth.

"Almost every time he was in the money," Lopez said. "Most often he was second or third. But I still felt he was a better racehorse than he showed, so I thought we should make a stallion out of him."

Hey Chub's pedigree supported that decision. Brilliant stakes winner Carson City went on to sire stars such as Lord Carson, City Band, Five Star Day, and Carson Hollow; Hey Chub is one of his top earners in the United States. Hey Chub's stakes-winning, New Jersey-bred champion dam Donna Doo finished first or second in 10 of 15 starts, and once defeated males in the New Jersey Futurity. She has produced five winners from six to race, including dual stakes winner Saltwater Runner.

Donna Doo's dam, the stakes-winning Nasty Affair, was dual graded stakes-placed in New York. The daughter of Nasty and Bold produced graded winner Mountain Affair, graded stakes-placed Hell Cat, and stakes winner Nasty Fever, who in turn produced multiple stakes-placed Conquest Twister. Nasty Affair is also the second dam of popular New Jersey-bred Cuba, who earned \$792,694 on the track.

With that much pedigree power, and his gritty and consistent race record, Hey Chub entered stud supported by Lopez. In his very first crop he produced hard-knocking Cheddar Chub, who won 12 of 89 starts and finished in the top three 40 times, and What the Chub, with 26 top-two placings.

Graded stakes winner Chublicious was from his second crop. Out of the Arch mare Sassy Broad, Chublicious was good enough to contest Grade 1 company at Saratoga, and won the \$250,000 Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash-G3 at Laurel Park. Chublicious, with \$676,753 in earnings, is still in training.

Another stakes winner was Chubble Maker, who won the New Jersey Breeders Handicap at Monmouth Park in 2015. He is one of five stakes winners for Hey Chub, who has progeny earnings of over \$4.7 million. His average earners per starter is over \$112,000.

Now along comes Chub Wagon, Lopez's unbeaten daughter of Hey Chub out of the Lion Heart mare Takin the Plunge. Guadalupe Pre-

ciado trains Chub Wagon, who won her first four starts, starting at Parx and then an allowance race at Aqueduct, before adding the \$100,000 Unique Bella Stakes on April 27. The bay filly was ridden by Jomar Torres. and scored by seven and a half lengths as a heavy favorite in the seven-furlong contest (for more on her stakes win, see page 27).

"I always liked her from the beginning because she was a big nice foal," Lopez said of Chub Wagon. "She is related to Brother Chub, who earned over \$500,000. Chub Wagon has the biggest set of lungs I've ever heard on a horse, and I've been around a lot of horses in 65 years."

No matter how much talent his runners show, Lopez does not believe in rushing into stakes company. "I was to pick the flowers on the way up the hill," he explained before the Unique Bella, noting that he puts each horse through every available condition. "We'll see if she can perform in Pennsylvania-bred stakes, and then after that we'll try an open one."

Hey Chub relocated to Pennsylvania for the 2021 season. "He's been very good locally," Lopez said. "His offspring win no matter where they run: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and he's an easy stallion to be around."

Lopez hopes for more recognition for Hey Chub, who has been an underrated force on the stallion ranks for years. "His record speaks for itself," he said. "He throws a lot of runners for not seeing the nicer mares."

The now 21-year-old stallion has 37 winners from 42 to race, and already has three winners in the first few months of 2021. With his consistency and class being passed to his offspring, Hey Chub should continue to succeed in his new home.



Wagon winning the Unique Bella Stakes on April 27, 2021 PC: EquiPhoto



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In a typical year, 1,600 Pennsylvania-breds compete on the racetrack for average earnings of \$27,600. Of the 50,000+ who have raced across the globe since 1985, only an elite group of 31 horses have broken the seven-figure mark in earnings. Over the course of summer 2020, the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association chronicled a 10-part series featuring the select group of Pennsylvania-breds who reached the unique and rare accomplishment of \$1,000,000 in racetrack earnings. Join us to celebrate and remember some of the greatest racehorses the Keystone State has produced.

FINEST CITY: EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON

When Hank Nothhaft attended the 2011 Keeneland November Sale, he had a specific goal in mind: purchase a handful of broodmares to support his newest stallion acquisition, the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1-winning Silver Train, who Nothhaft had purchased a couple of months prior and moved to the Pennsylvania branch of Northview Stallion Station.

Alongside his bloodstock agent Carl McEntee, Nothhaft ended up taking home three new broodmares. One was Be Envied, a stakes-placed daughter of Lemon Drop Kid purchased for \$37,000 in foal to the up-and-coming stallion City Zip. Sent to Northview PA, Be Envied foaled her chestnut filly on March 28, 2012.

Nothhaft named his newest filly City Envy, and she quickly began to bring raving reviews. McEntee advised Nothhaft that the filly would be a great weanling sales prospect, and the decision was made to prepare for the 2012 Keeneland November Sale after she x-rayed clean. Her high expectations led Nothhaft to set her reserve at \$50,000, but they expected her to bring as high as \$150,000 with all of the buzz surrounding her.

To the surprise of Hank Nothhaft and everyone else involved with City Envy, she hammered right on reserve at



\$50,000 for Cobra Farm. What had happened? How could they have been so wrong? Soon after, it was discovered that City Envy was not vetting cleanly and happened to have a cyst on a stifle, a problem that was not detected on her initial x-rays. Nothhaft dealt with mixed emotions following the sale knowing he would not have sold his filly if he had known she had had an issue.

City Envy was sent to new owners Cobra Farm and prepared as a pinhook for the 2013 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. She brought \$85,000 as a yearling and was purchased on behalf of the San Diego-based stable Seltzer Thoroughbreds. Seltzer ended up renaming City Envy to Finest City as an ode to their hometown. Once settled in California, the newly-named Finest City was turned over to a third-generation horseman, albeit a brand new trainer, in 28-year-old Ian Kruljac.

Finest City developed a reputation as a quirky horse, and she dealt with a handful of minor physical maladies. Kruljac was patient with his filly, and his small stable al-

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lowed him to give her the attention she needed. His careful and patient handling ensured that Finest City did eventually make it to the races, and she debuted at Del Mar in July of her 3-year-old season, finishing a close second at odds of 33-1.

Finest City made her next start on August 23, 2015, romping to an eight and a half-length maiden victory at Del Mar. Her impressive score earned her a try in stakes company next out, and she finished a respectable fourth in Santa Anita's Unzip Me Stakes in her turf debut. Returning to the main

track, Finest City rolled to another easy victory at Del Mar, this time taking an allowance event by three and a quarter lengths. Her short first year ended with another second-place effort in allowance company before a dull effort in the Grade 1 La Brea on a quick turnaround. It was the last time she finished outside of the superfecta for a long time.

Starting her 4-yearold campaign in the Grade 2 Santa Monica Stakes at Santa Anita, Finest City suffered a heartbreaking loss after dueling with 64-1 longshot Lost Bus for the duration of the race before falling a head short at the wire. She proceeded to finish third in allowance company and fourth

in the Grade 3 Las Flores Stakes before stepping back up into Grade 2 company in the Great Lady M Stakes at Los Alamitos.

Sent off at 8-1 in the field of seven, Finest City settled towards the back of the pack before making a four-wide bid around the turn to put her within contention. In a perfectly-timed ride, the filly ran down the leading pair of Las Flores winner Fantastic Style and Santa Monica winner Lost Bus to enact her revenge by one and a quarter lengths.

Fresh off her first graded stakes triumph, Finest City tried Grade 1 company in the Vanity Mile, where she faced a dynamic duo of champions in Beholder and Stellar Wind. In an incredibly respectable effort, she finished third while beaten only two and a quarter lengths by Beholder, who would go on to win her second consecutive Champion Older Mare title by year's end.

Having shown her versatility with an ability to handle turf in the past, Finest City returned to the grass for her next two races. After finishing a close fourth in the Grade 2 Yellow Ribbon Handicap, the filly stretched out to the furthest distance

> of her career in the mile and an eighth Grade 2 John C. Mabee Stakes. Finest City put up a gutsy effort at a distance that was probably past her prime, closing a two-length advantage on Avenge in the final furlong to lose by a diminishing head.

> With the Breeders' Cup looming two months out, Finest City trained up to the world championship event with her sights set on a return to the dirt in the Filly and Mare Sprint division. Everything was coming together perfectly for Hank Nothhaft, who also planned to run his filly Living The Life (Ire) in the same race. Living The Life was entering the Breeders' Cup off a close second in the Grade 2 Presque Isle Downs Masters in her bid to win that race for a third consecutive



year.

Nothhaft had his tickets and travel plans in order to cheer home both a filly he owned and a filly he had bred when disaster struck. Living The Life turned up lame after her final workout for the Breeders' Cup. In the immediate air of disappointment, Nothhaft cancelled his travel plans and sold his Breeders' Cup tickets. It was a decision he would end up regretting.

Finest City drew post 12 in the field of 13. Despite having not won since April, she was sent off as the fifth betting choice at 8-1 for her consistent,

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well-placed efforts. When the gates sprung, Hall of Fame rider Mike Smith hustled Finest City towards the front, locking into a three-way speed duel with Gloryzapper and Paulassilverlining. The trio set down blistering fractions of :21.98 for the opening quarter and :44.82 for the opening half. With Gloryzapper falling away as the field rounded the turn, Finest City and Paulassilverlining turned into the stretch as one. Defending champion Wavell Avenue was catapulting from the back of the pack to range up along-side the dueling pair. Finest City finally gained an advantage over Paulassilverlining before being confronted with a new challenge from Wavell Avenue. Regardless, Finest City found it within herself to hold off her rival for the final half furlong, and she soared under the wire three-quarters of a length in front.

Finest City's score in the Filly and Mare Sprint was the fourth victory at the Breeders' Cup World Championships for a Pennsylvania-bred and the first in 24 years. It was a first for many involved: the first Grade 1 victory for the filly herself, the first for Seltzer Thoroughbreds and young trainer Ian Kruljac, and the first for Hank Nothhaft as a breeder. At year's end Finest City was named Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year and won the Eclipse Award for Champion Female Sprinter.

A few hours before she was officially christened a champion, Finest City made her 5-year-old debut in the Grade 2 Santa Monica Stakes. She went one better than the year before, cruising to an easy three and three-quarter-length victory in wire-to-wire fashion. The Santa Monica would ultimately end up being the final win of Finest City's career, but she remained consistent through year's end with second-place efforts in the Grade 1 Santa Margarita and Grade 1 Humana Distaff (the latter at Churchill Downs, her only start outside of California) and thirds in the Grade 1 Beholder Mile and Grade 2 Great Lady M.

Finest City still intended to defend her title in the Breeders' Cup, and Hank Nothhaft made sure not to miss out the second time. On Nov. 4, 2017, at Del Mar the consistent, hard-trying mare made the final start of her career at the world championships, but a repeat was not meant to be. Finest City turned in the poorest effort of her career when eighth in the field of 14.

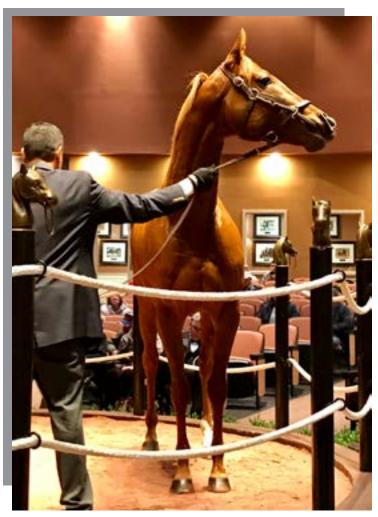
Despite the disappointing end to her racing career, there was no time to ruminate. Finest City was due to sell at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale two days after the Breeders' Cup, and she shipped to Kentucky the following morning. Hank Nothhaft followed his filly and watched her step into the sales ring on Monday evening. The bidding jumped up past seven figures before finally hammering at \$1,500,000

for legendary Japanese horseman Katsumi Yoshida, owner of Japan's breeding powerhouse Northern Farm.

From Finest City's three seasons on the racetrack, she faced the starting gate 20 times with five wins, six seconds, and four thirds for earnings of \$1,266,394. She only finished worse than fourth twice throughout her entire career. She took home three graded stakes triumphs and placed in seven others, with her finest hour coming with a Breeders' Cup victory and subsequent Eclipse Award.

Despite losing Finest City as a weanling at Keeneland, Hank Nothhaft maintains that he has no regrets when it comes to selling her that day. He reflects on how the circumstances, timing, and luck culminated with her ending up with the right trainer at the right time to maximize her talent. Nothhaft believes that ending up in a small barn like Ian Kruljac's was crucial to Finest City's success because she received the individual attention that was required to work out her kinks and minor problems.

Before being sent to her new home in Japan, Finest City made a stop in England for a date with world-renowned sire Frankel. She currently resides at Northern Farm, where she delivered a colt by Lord Kanaloa in 2020.



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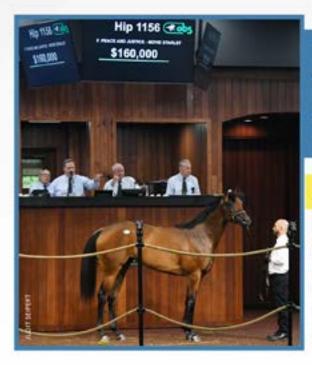
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UNIQUE BELLA: THE LAST OF A LEGACY

Brushwood Farm's legacy is forever etched into Pennsylvania breeding lore. The empire Betty Moran built from her home in Malvern, Pennsylvania, culminated with her tying George Strawbridge's record for most Pennsylvania-bred millionaires in 2018.

Mrs. Moran campaigned her own racing stable, but she especially loved the energy that came from buying and selling high priced horses at auction. It was something she became known for over the years to the point that people would question why she sold certain broodmares so soon after she purchased them. Unrivaled Belle was one of these many instances.

Offered at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale, Unrivaled Belle sported a racing career that was topped by a win in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic and a victory over the legendary Rachel Alexandra in the Grade 2 La Troienne. Her sire, Unbridled's Song, was rising as a hot commodity as a broodmare sire, and Betty Moran was not willing to miss out. When the gavel fell, she signed a ticket worth \$2,800,000 for Unrivaled Belle.

After breeding her newest broodmare to Medaglia d'Oro and selling the resulting foal for \$320,000, Mrs. Moran sent Unrivaled Belle to leading sire Tapit for the first time. On March 2, 2014, she foaled a filly who would eventually gray out into the same magnificent steel color as her mother.

Similar to Unrivaled Belle's first foal, Betty Moran offered the Tapit filly at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2015, where she hammered at \$400,000 for the Chilean-based racing operation Don Alberto. Having already established a stellar reputation in their native country of Chile, Don Alberto made the leap to extend their operation to North America for the first time after purchasing Vinery Farm in Kentucky for nearly \$14 million. Still relatively unknown, Don Alberto had only made 10 starts in America at the time they purchased Unrivaled Belle's filly.

Named Unique Bella, the filly developed into a towering specimen who put her male stablemates to shame. She was sent to the Southern California stable of Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. Despite her imposing frame,

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Unique Bella was ready to debut early as a 2-yearold and made her first start at Santa Anita in June, finishing a reasonable second.

The decision was made to put Unique Bella away for a few months and let her grow into herself more, so her return to the races didn't come until five months later. One week before her second start, Betty Moran sent Unrivaled Belle back through the sales ring at the Keeneland November Sale while carrying a full sibling to Unique Bella. She sold for a sale-topping \$3,800,000 to Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm.

On Nov. 26, 2016, Unique Bella reappeared at Del Mar, and a star was born. With a long freshening under her belt, the filly went to the front and never looked back, rolling home to a widening 10¼-length victory. With the 2-year-old filly division ending up with a questionable amount of quality, the racing world quickly began to talk of Unique Bella.

Unique Bella's eye-popping debut warranted an immediate jump into graded stakes company, and she made her 3-year-old debut in the Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes on Jan. 8. Much like her maiden race, the filly made short work of the field when drawing away by seven and a half lengths underneath a chilly, unmoving Mike Smith.

Having earned 10 points towards a start in the Kentucky Oaks-G1, Unique Bella was firmly on the path to America's premier 3-year-old filly event. She returned a month later in the Grade 2 Las Virgenes where she faced her first real test against the previous year's champion 2-year-old filly Champagne Room. Perhaps Unique Bella scared the competition away because only three fillies joined her in the starting gate. They may as well have stayed in the barn as it was much of the same. Unique Bella steamrolled to victory by eight and three-quarters lengths.

With the Grade 3 Santa Ysabel next on her agenda, Unique Bella prepared for a showdown with Grade 1 Starlet Stakes winner Abel Tasman. Abel Tasman provided Unique Bella with the toughest challenge of her career, but it wasn't enough to keep the big, gray filly from the winner's circle. Unique Bella turned back her rival's bid in the stretch to cross the wire two and a quarter lengths in front.

With a four-race win streak under her belt, there seemed to be little stopping Unique Bella from charging home to another victory in the Kentucky Oaks. The filly had been so dominant that racing fans were beginning to pique the Kentucky Derby question. As it turned out, no one would beat Unique Bella in the Kentucky Oaks or Derby because no one had the chance to. One week before her final prep for the Oaks and Grade 1 debut in the Santa Anita Oaks, Unique Bella came up with a shin injury and was sidelined for two months. In her absence, Abel Tasman rolled to Kentucky Oaks glory before eventually being named champion 3-year-old filly at year's end.

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It ended up being much longer than two months before Unique Bella regained training, but her connections set their sights on a run at the Breeders' Cup World Championships. Seven months removed from her Santa Ysabel win, Unique Bella returned in time to get one prep race prior to the Breeders' Cup. With the Filly and Mare Sprint the goal, the filly returned to the races in the one turn, Grade 3 L.A. Woman Stakes at Santa Anita. Despite being away for so long, Unique Bella sprung from the gate as a 2-5 favorite and picked up exactly where she left off to win by a comfortable three and a half lengths.

The Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint appeared to be a wide-open affair of 14 horses, but Unique Bella was still installed the heavy favorite despite her light preparation. It ultimately proved to be too much, too soon, and the filly checked in seventh as a 66-1 shot blew up the toteboard. It was the only time she finished worse than second.

Despite her poor Breeders' Cup showing, Unique Bella had one race left as a 3-year-old. In the final days of 2017, she took another crack at Grade 1 company in the La Brea. Still going off the heavy favorite, Unique Bella ran down Santa Anita Oaks winner Paradise Woods in the final strides to win by three-quarters of a length. In a female sprinting division that was so wide open, it was enough for Unique Bella to be awarded the Eclipse Award for Champion Female Sprinter.

Fresh off her championship, Unique Bella started her 4-year-old year in the Grade 2 Santa Maria Stakes. It was a scene much of old as the filly ran away to an easy nine-length score as the 1-10 favorite. Having already captured a G1 around one turn in the La Brea, sights were set on a two-turn score at the highest level. For the first time in her career, Unique Bella shipped outside of Southern California to contest the Grade 1 Apple Blossom at Oaklawn Park.

Showers throughout the day led to a sealed track surface, but Unique Bella still went off the topweighted 2-5 favorite in the field of seven. When the gates sprung, the filly broke flat-footed and ended up last. Mike Smith tried to make up for the lost ground by rushing Unique Bella up to contend the early pace, but the combi-

nation of the poor start and challenging track conditions proved too much to overcome. As the field turned for home, Unique Bella couldn't manage to hold off the late run from Unbridled Mo and crossed the wire two and a quarter lengths back in second, while giving the winner seven pounds.

Returning home to California, Unique Bella cut back in distance for the Grade 1 Beholder Mile. Sent off at 1-2, the big gray challenged Paradise Woods on the early lead before taking advantage by the top of the stretch and winning by a comfortable two and a quarter lengths. With the goal being another shot at the Breeders' Cup, Unique Bella pointed to the Grade 1 Clement L. Hirsch for her next start, a Win and You're In Event for the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

Contested on July 29, 2018, Unique Bella sprung from the gates as the 1-10 favorite in the Clement L. Hirsch. Pushed through challenging early fractions, the filly held an advantage on the rest of the field before opening a fourlength lead by the top of the stretch. La Force (Ger) mounted a late challenge from the back of the pack, cutting into Unique Bella's lead in the final stages, but she was a touch too late, and Unique Bella held on to win by a half length.

Three weeks after her third Grade 1 score in the Clement Hirsch, and while preparing for her final prep race for the Breeders' Cup, Unique Bella fractured a sesamoid during a morning workout. She was immediately retired. Despite not having the chance to end her year, her exploits as a 4-year-old were still enough for her to claim her second championship, this as Champion Older Dirt Female of 2018.

From her three years on the racetrack, Unique Bella contested 12 races with nine wins and two seconds for career earnings for \$1,272,400. The Breeders' Cup was the only time she finished worse than second. Eight of her nine victories came at the graded stakes level, including three Grade 1 victories at three different distances. She was a two-time champion across two years for two different divisions.

Retired for broodmare duties at Don Alberto's Kentucky farm, Unique Bella delivered her first foal, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro, on Jan. 14, 2020 and was bred to Curlin for 2021.

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GO FOR WAND: CLOSE TO PERFECTION

Since 1937, one of the greatest names in Delaware racing had been the Christiana Stable of Harry and Jane duPont Lunger. For decades, the Lungers had campaigned dozens of stakes winners for their Wilmington-based operation. But while the legacy of their stable reached its peak moment in 1989 and 1990, the beginning of the story dates back some 30 years earlier.

While attending the 1960 Saratoga Yearling Sale, Harry Lunger happened upon a colt by *Turn-to and he provided the \$34,000 ticket to bring him home. Campaigned under Christiana Stable, the colt named Cyane went on to win the Futurity Stakes and Dwyer

Handicap for the Lungers before retiring to stud in the Mid-Atlantic region.

In the name of supporting his stallion, Harry Lunger was determined to purchase Cyane's first yearling to go through the sales ring. Much to the dismay of Christiana's trainer, Mr. Lunger did exactly that before his trainer even had the chance to evaluate the horse. He purchased Cyane's first filly at the 1966 Saratoga Yearling Sale for \$15,000.

In the peculiar workings of the racing world, the filly Harry Lunger purchased simply because she was Cyane's first offspring to go through a sales ring ended up being one of the best racehorses Christiana Stables ever campaigned. Named Obeah, the filly tal-

lied five major stakes wins for the Lungers, including back-to-back runnings of the prestigious Delaware Handicap at their home track of Delaware Park.

Retired for broodmare duties, Obeah got off to a quick start by producing two homebred stakes winners for the Lungers. With Harry Lunger's passing in 1976, Jane duPont Lunger took up the racing operation by herself. Obeah was consistently bred to high-class stallions like Northern Dancer during the early days of her breeding career, with trips to Kentucky thrown in. Jane finally settled the broodmare at Walnut Green Farm in Pennsylvania and elected to keep sending her to Windfields Farm stallions. With her previous success with Northern Dancer, Obeah was bred to grandsons of the legendary stallion at the Maryland farm. For her

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Go For Wand, 1989 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies PC: Suzie Oldham

third local foal, Jane Lunger sent Obeah to Deputy Minister, and, as they say, she struck gold.

Despite being far past prime broodmare age at the age of 22, Obeah's 11th foal would be her greatest. On April 6, 1987, she foaled a bay filly with a narrow blaze from forehead to nostrils at Walnut Green.

Much a fan of superstition, Jane duPont Lunger named her newest filly Go for Wand and sent her to Christiana's New York-based trainer Bill Badgett. She debuted as a 2-year-old at Belmont Park on Sept. 14, 1989. Unfortunately for Mrs. Lunger, traffic on the way to New York kept her from watching Go for Wand roll home to a four-length victory in her first career race. When the filly returned the following month in an allowance event, Jane was sailing overseas to Scotland to see her grandson off to college. Go for Wand won by 18¼ lengths.

By the time Mrs. Lunger finally got to see her filly race, Go for Wand was making her debut in Grade 1 company. Only 12 days after her allowance romp, she was a heavy favorite in the Belmont's Frizette Stakes. Perhaps her crushing victory took a bit out of her because Go for Wand suffered one of the rare losses of her career when failing to catch Stella Madrid by a half length. Jane Lunger was convinced she was her filly's jinx.

Regardless, she traveled south to watch Go for Wand compete in the Breeders' Cup World Championships in Florida. Settling in sixth in the early going, Go for Wand encountered traffic trouble into the first turn before finding clear sailing on the outside down the backstretch. She remained within striking distance as the field bore into the final turn. With Frizette winner Stella Madrid taking control approaching the top of the stretch, Go for Wand locked in on her rival and began to close the gap. If there appeared to be any hope of a Frizette repeat, Go for Wand dashed all chances by the time she col-

lared Stella Madrid inside the final furlong. She bounded away to post a two and three-quarter-length victory en route to becoming the first Pennsylvania-bred to win a Breeders' Cup race. Mrs. Lunger was not, in fact, Go for Wand's jinx, and at year's end her filly was awarded the Eclipse Award for Champion 2-Year-Old Filly.

Go for Wand made her reappearance as a 3-year-old in Kentucky. She made short work of the Grade 3 Beaumont Stakes field at Keeneland as a prep race for the Grade 1 Ashland 11 days later. Only four fillies were brave enough to face the champion in the Ashland, and Go for Wand made them wish they stayed home. She took the lead heading into the final turn and quickly opened up a three-length lead before cruising home in the stretch to post a five-length score.

While the Kentucky Oaks was not originally on Go for Wand's agenda, her connections couldn't resist a crack at the nation's premier 3-year-old filly race after the way she dominated the Ashland. The Oaks was her third race in less than a month, but the public was still willing to throw their overwhelming support behind the superstar filly. Sent off at 2-5, Go for Wand settled off the early leaders in fourth as Seaside Attraction cut out the early pace. The filly made her move around the far turn and ranged up alongside the longtime leader. It looked as if Go for Wand was poised to blow past her rival, but Seaside Attraction managed to find another gear. Go for Wand could only hopelessly chase her foe home in second as she crossed the wire three lengths behind.

With her shocking defeat in the Kentucky Oaks behind her, Go for Wand returned to her home base of New York. If there was any doubt that she wasn't the same horse, the filly quickly put the rumors to rest. Go for Wand reeled off three consecutive Grade 1 victories against 3-year-olds in the Mother Goose, Test and Alabama Stakes, the

latter by seven lengths. By the Alabama, only two horses were willing to face Mrs. Lunger's superstar.

With her own age division conquered, Go for Wand made the next step in taking on older horses. She continued to extend her Grade 1-winning streak when cruising to another easy victory in the Maskette Stakes before using the Beldame as her final prep for the Breeders' Cup. Pressing the lead through challenging early quarters of :23.20, :45.60, and 1:09.20, Go for Wand effortlessly took the lead turning for home and drew away under a simple hand ride to add the Beldame to her growing legacy. If adding a seventh Grade 1 score wasn't enough, it was her final time that left everyone in shock and awe. Having never been asked, Go for Wand was two-fifths off Secretariat's mile and an eighth track record of 1:45.40 from 1973.

Having reeled off five consecutive Grade 1 victories, Go for Wand was gearing up for her tilt at becoming the first horse to win two different Breeders' Cup races. Held that year at her home track of Belmont Park, the filly prepared for a showdown with the country's top older mare, Bayakoa (Arg). The Argentinean superstar had made a successful foray to America where she was building a legacy of her own. Having already notched 11 Grade 1 victories on American soil, Bayakoa was the reigning champion older mare of 1989 who was looking to win the Breeders' Cup Distaff for the second year in a row.

The Distaff seemed to be little outside of its two headliners: the top 3-year-old filly versus the top older mare. From the moments the gates sprung, the Distaff lived up to its expectations. Bayakoa had taken the early lead before Go for Wand moved up along the inside to put a nose in front. The two champions remained that way down the Belmont Park backstretch through quarters of :23.40 and :46.40. The tempo quickened as they rounded the turn as one with Go for Wand maintaining her slim advantage. With track announcer Tom Durkin calling it a "cutthroat duel", Go for Wand and Bayakoa turned into the stretch together, neither

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giving an inch. Eyeball to eyeball, nostril to nostril, both horses were locked in a battle for the ages as Go for Wand refused to let Bayakoa forge past. But suddenly Go for Wand was careening towards the dirt, and Bayakoa was sailing alone through the final yards of the race. Go for Wand had broken down, and there was nothing they could do to save her.

The next day, Go for Wand was buried in the Saratoga infield with her nose pointing towards the finish line. She was posthumously named 1990 Champion Three-Year-Old Filly as Bayakoa earned a second Champion Older Mare title. The New York Racing Association renamed the Maskette the Go for Wand Stakes in 1992, and it's still contested as a Grade 3 handicap. From her two years on the track, Go for Wand raced 13 times with 10 wins and two seconds for earnings of \$1,373,338. She tallied seven Grade 1 triumphs from her eight total stakes victories and was a divisional champion both years she raced.

In 1999, *The Blood-Horse* compiled lists of the top 100 racehorses and moments of the 20th century. Go for Wand ranked 72nd on the list of top 100 racehorses. Bayakoa ranked 95th. For the top 100 moments, Go for Wand's tragic end in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff ranks 93rd. Six years after her passing, Go for Wand was inducted into National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. She's one of only three Pennsylvania-breds to be inducted. Bayakoa joined her two years later. Together again in American racing's most hallowed place, it recalls a time when two legendary horses were locked in the heat of battle on an autumn afternoon at Belmont Park.

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The following policy was officially approved at the April PA Racing Commission meeting and will take effect on June 1, 2021.

NOTICES

STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Banning Lasix in 2-year Old Thoroughbred Horses and Graded Thoroughbred Stakes Races; Administrative Policy SHRC 2021-1

> [51 Pa.B. 1298] [Saturday, March 6, 2021]

The State Horse Racing Commission (Commission), in accordance with 3 Pa.C.S. § 9312(6) (relating to additional powers of commission) of the Race Horse Industry Reform Act and 7 Pa. Code § 401.4(a) (relating to substances of therapeutic value), is authorized to adopt National standards relating to prohibited substances, uniform drug threshold levels or penalties and to regulate substances of therapeutic value, including the use of Furosemide (Lasix) in race horses.

The Commission recognizes that Lasix is helpful in the management of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage. In overseeing the race-day use of Lasix, the Commission has placed strict regulatory controls on the dose, route and time the medication is administered. These measures are designed to provide a complete regulation of Lasix and to prevent the misuse of the drug, including, where appropriate, the reasonable restriction on the use of Lasix.

The Commission hereby provides notice that it intends to follow the National racing standard by expressly banning the use of Lasix in 2-year-old thoroughbred horses racing in thoroughbred racetracks in this Commonwealth and banning the use of Lasix in Graded Stakes Races conducted in this Commonwealth effective April 1, 2021.

The Commission's specific administrative policy has been posted and published on the Commission's web site at http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/RacingCommission/commission/Pages/Publications.aspx.

THOMAS F. CHUCKAS, Jr.,
Director
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

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FASIG TIPTON MIDLANTIC TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

A total of 48 PA-Breds have been catalogued at the Fasig Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training sale, to be held May 17-18 in Timonium, MD. The under tack show runs May 11 through May 13. The following chart includes breeder and consignor.

HIP	COLOR	DOB	NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM	SIRE OF DAM	BREEDER	CONSIGNOR	BC NOM
<u>3</u>	В	2/13/2019		F	Weigelia	Madelaine	Wayne County (IRE)	WynOaks Farm LLC	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	N
<u>7</u>	В	4/26/2019	Peduzzi	F	Goldencents	Majestic Lady	Majestic Warrior	Warriors Reward LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	N
<u>18</u>	СН	3/4/2019		F	Talent Search	Mary Cole	Broken Vow	Gilman Hallenbeck	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	N
<u>38</u>	В	3/5/2019		С	Peace and Justice	Miss Meteor	Trappe Shot	Steven W Young Racing DBA A1A Racing	Harris Training Center LLC	Y
<u>44</u>	В	2/13/2019		С	Outwork	Mony'slittlegracie	Alphabet Soup	Blackstone Farm LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Y
<u>58</u>	В	4/10/2019		С	Constitution	Mrs. Mary S	In the Woods	Andrew Simoff	Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne)	N
<u>82</u>	DKB	1/31/2019	Schleicher	С	Bellamy Road	Off My Cloud	Belong to Me	Warriors Reward LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	N
<u>86</u>	В	4/9/2019		С	Uptowncharlybrown	One Fast Chick	First Defence	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	Y
<u>91</u>	GR	3/1/2019		С	Flashback	Our Treasure	Repent	Adam and Suzette Parker	Classic Bloodstock	N
<u>141</u>	DKB	3/17/2019		F	Constitution	Rutherford Rd	First Samurai	Blackstone Farm LLC	De Meric Sales	Υ
<u>145</u>	DKB	4/21/2019		С	Jump Start	Salishan	Banker's Gold	Vicky Schowe and Kemal Erkan	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds LLC (Jenn & Quincy Adams)	Y
<u>155</u>	В	4/13/2019		С	Gormley	Saratta	Flower Alley	Kathie Maybee and Gary Jemo	Sbm Training and Sales	N
<u>162</u>	В	4/16/2019		F	Central Banker	Secret Sea	Cowtown Cat	Norman Stables LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	N
<u>163</u>	В	4/2/2019	Protectthewitness	F	Peace And Justice	Secret Witness	Tiznow	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC	Υ
<u>167</u>	В	4/18/2019		С	Peace And Justice	September Issue	Medaglia d'Oro	Steven W Young Racing DBA A1A Racing	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	Υ
<u>189</u>	DKB	3/20/2019	Kissit	F	Astern (AUS)	Skip A Dare	Skip Away	H Allen Poindexter and DB Dojo LLC	Sbm Training and Sales	Υ
<u>196</u>	DKB	2/5/2019		С	Upstart	Song Memory	Unbridled's Song	Smart Angle LLP	Pick View LLC	Υ
<u>202</u>	СН	2/7/2019	Tasha	F	Speightstown	Spanker	Cape Blanco (IRE)	H Allen Poindexter and Speightstown Syndicate	SBM Training and Sales	Υ

FASIG TIPTON MIDLANTIC TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING CONTINUED...

HIP	COLOR	DOB	NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM	SIRE OF DAM	BREEDER	CONSIGNOR	BC NOM
								James, Janeane,		
<u>236</u>	GR	1/13/2019		F	Midnight Storm	Terri's Pass	War Pass	and Arika Everatt- Meeuse	Little Farm Equine	Υ
<u>247</u>	DKB	3/5/2019		F	Summer Front	Tiz Paradise	Tiznow	Steven W Young Racing DBA A1A Racing	Golden Rock Thoroughbred	Y
<u>249</u>	DKB	4/18/2019		С	Street Sense	To the Brim	Ascot Knight	Two Sisters' Farm Inc	Kings Equine	N
<u>255</u>	В	3/19/2019		F	Weigelia	Tribal Verse	Oratory	Emilie M Bateman	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	N
<u>260</u>	DKB	2/25/2019		С	Munnings	Tweet	Medaglia d'Oro	Equivine Farm LLC	Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne)	N
276	DKB	3/5/2019		F	Gormley	What Am I Gonna Do	Partner's Hero	Steven and Jane	Tom McCrocklin	Y
281		3/20/2019		F	Brody's Cause	Wine Spotioti	Artie Schiller	Long Moon's Gate Farm	Whitman Sales LLC	Y
290	СН	4/6/2019		F	Jimmy Creed	Abide in Me	Tiz Wonderful	James, Janeane, and Arika Everatt- Meeuse	Scanlon Training & Sales	Y
<u>298</u>	В	3/7/2019		С	Madefromlucky	A Lady With an Ace	First Samurai	Blackstone Farm LLC	All In Sales	Υ
<u>303</u>	В	3/26/2019		F	Not This Time	Altar Issues	Broken Vow	Joseph Besecker	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	N
308	СН	2/10/2019	Amethyst	F	Keen Ice	Ametrine	Freud	H Allen Poindexter	Cary Frommer LLC	Υ
316	В	4/28/2019	,	F	Ironicus	Arched	Arch	Best Foot Forward LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC	N
<u>318</u>	DKB	4/26/2019		F	Uncle Lino	Argentina	Storm Cat	Robert and Tammy Klimasewski	Whitman Sales LLC	N
<u>327</u>	В	4/7/2019		F	Unified	Awesome Angie	Awesome Again	WynOaks Farm LLC and Warriors Reward LLC	Grassroots Training And Sales LLC	N
<u>342</u>	DKB	3/20/2019		F	Exaggerator	Bazinga B	Lion Hearted	Joseph Besecker and Exaggerator Syndicate	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Y
<u>348</u>	В	3/29/2019		С	Nyquist	Berningbrightly	Bernardini	Smart Angle LLP	Randy Miles	Υ
<u>404</u>	GR	2/19/2019		F	Honor Code	Coppermine	Unbridled's Song	Blackstone Farm LLC	Niall Brennan Stables	Υ
<u>425</u>	В	4/10/2019		F	Uncle Lino	Designated Royalty	Cyclotron	Blue Chip Thoroughbreds LLC	Grassroots Training And Sales LLC	N
<u>433</u>	В	3/19/2019		F	Weigelia	Dowhatyourbigsisdo	Crypto Star	WynOaks Farm LLC	Grassroots Training And Sales LLC	N
<u>436</u>	В	3/20/2019		С	Fed Biz	Dream Realized	Awesome Again	Blackstone Farm LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Y

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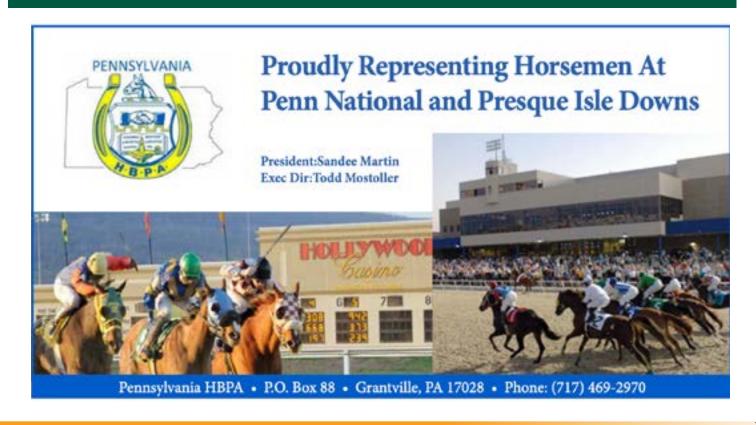
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HIP	COLOR	DOB	NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM	SIRE OF DAM	BREEDER	CONSIGNOR	BC NOM
<u>439</u>	СН	4/25/2019		С	Mucho Macho Man	Dynamizzen	Mizzen Mast	Blackstone Farm LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Υ
<u>443</u>	В	3/28/2019		С	Tiznow	Egot	Dehere	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC and Best Foot Forward LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC	Y
<u>444</u>	GR	2/11/2019		С	Peace and Justice	Elasticity	Paddy O'Prado	Steven W Young Racing DBA A1A Racing	All In Sales	Υ
<u>500</u>	В	2/12/2019		F	Uptowncharlybrown	Gumdrop	Lemon Drop Kid	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Grassroots Training and Sales LLC	Υ
<u>501</u>	В	3/12/2019		F	Connect	Halljoy (IRE)	Halling	HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC	Julie Davies LLC	Υ
<u>503</u>	DKB	3/1/2019		С	New Year's Day	Hardrainsgonnafall	Hard Spun	William E Riddle Jr	Scanlon Training & Sales	N
<u>509</u>	DKB	2/28/2019		С	American Pharoah	High Quail	Tiznow	Smart Angle LLP	Randy Miles	Υ
<u>548</u>	GR	4/20/2019		С	He's Had Enough	Lady Elite	Mr. Greeley	Best A Luck Farm LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC	N
<u>577</u>	DKB	4/8/2019	Rose Legacy	F	Congrats	Rose Essence	Speightstown	Whysper Wynd Farm LLC	McKathan Bros. Sales	Υ
<u>579</u>	В	2/25/2019		С	Street Sense	Ball and Chain	Exchange Rate	Smart Angle LLC	McKathan Bros. Sales	Υ





PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

PAGE MCKENNEY H. PARX, \$114,850, 3YO/UP, 7F, 4-27.

Won - WAIT FOR IT

g, 6, Uptowncharlybrown – Kimberley Diamond, by Posse. O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, B-Fantasy Lane Stable (PA), T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr., J-Anthony Y. Nunez, \$72,450.

2nd - Chilly in Charge

h, 5, Take Charge Indy-Holiday Chills, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$170,000 2018 OBSJUN).

O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm, B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC (PA), \$19,200.

3rd - Breezy Gust

g, 4, Great Notion—Takenbythebreeze, by Shore Breeze. O-Fanelli, John and Long Ball Stable LLC, B-Michael Anspach (PA), \$9,600.

Turning back to seven furlongs for the first time since October 2019 (with 11 starts in between), Wait for It surged to the lead in deep stretch to win the \$100,000 Page McKenney Handicap for his third career stakes victory.

A 6-year-old son of Uptowncharlybrown owned by Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, Wait for It recorded his 11th career victory and increased his lifetime earnings to \$559,828 in 29 starts. With Anthony Nunez up, he sat off the early pace set by third-choice Admiral Abe, but by the time favorite Breezy Gust got to the lead after six furlongs in 1:09.51, Wait for It was working his way through traffic and searching for a clear lane to run. Chilly in Charge was also making his move, but Wait for It had more momentum and won by a length, getting seven furlongs in 1:21.72 and recording a 99 Beyer Speed Figure. Chilly in Charge finished second over Breezy Gust in third.



Trained by Edward J. Coletti Jr., Wait for It has won at least once each of the five years he has raced. He broke his maiden at 2 going five and a half furlongs, but most often runs a distance of a mile or more. His previous stakes wins – the Storm Cat last September at Parx and Hard Spun in October at Presque Isle – were at a mile and a sixteenth and a mile and 70 yards, respectively. In 18 starts at Parx, he has won six times and finished second or third in eight others. In 2020 he was the leading horse Breeding Fund Recipient with a total of \$191,540 earned in four races.

Wait for It was bred by Fantasy Lane Stable out of Kimberley Diamond, a winning daughter of Posse whose seven foals are all by Uptowncharlybrown. The mare's current 2-year-old is the filly Nana's Boopa, and she has a yearling colt named Whoosh. She was bred back to Uptowncharlybrown for this year.

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

UNIQUE BELLA S. PRX, \$107,425, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 4-27.

Won - CHUB WAGON

f, 4, Hey Chub – Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart. O-Lopez, Daniel J and Chestnut, George, B-Joe-Dan Farm & George Chestnut (PA), T-Guadalupe Preciado, J-Jomar Torres, \$59,400.

2nd - Promised Storm

m, 6, El Padrino – Innovative, by Johannesburg. O-Jennifer M Truehart, B-Cavanaugh Breen LLC (PA), \$24,750.

3rd - Ujjayi

m, 5, Smarty Jones – Ocean Road, by War Front. O-T L Wise, B-TL Wise (PA), \$12,375.

Daniel Lopez and George Chestnut's homebred Chub Wagon went to the gate in her first stakes, the \$100,000 Unique Bella Stakes for state-bred fillies and mares at Parx on Tuesday, April 27, having led at every call in each of her previous starts. That record remained intact as she cruised home the easiest of winners.

Breaking alertly under jockey Jomar Torres, the 4-year-old filly posted fractions of :22.73, :45.20 and 1:09.60 before drawing off to win by seven and a half lengths while stopping the clock in 1:22.21 for the seven furlongs (and earning a 93 Beyer Speed Figure). The betting favorite at 1-2 odds, she recorded her fifth win in as many outings.

Chub Wagon's first start, at Parx last November, was newsworthy – not only for the ease by which she won (also by seven and a half lengths), but because it was the 2,000th win for her trainer Guadalupe Preciado.

She returned in late December to score a Parx allowance by daylight, and when she reappeared in the gate in March, she galloped home a 10-length winner going five and a half furlongs at Parx over



state-bred rivals. A trip to New York beckoned next, with the result in an Aqueduct allowance the same. Her average winning margin is nearly six and a half lengths.

By Lopez's own stallion Hey Chub, Chub Wagon has career earnings to \$172,800. A full sister to stakes-placed Chubofftheoldblock, she is out of the unraced Lion Heart mare Takin the Plunge.

Lopez is the breeder of Takin the Plunge, who was in utero when he purchased the Arch mare Sassy Broad for \$12,000 at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February mixed sale (Takin the Plunge was born eight days later). Bred exclusively to Hey Chub ever since, Sassy Broad has produced graded stakes winner Chublicious, an earner of \$676,753, stakes winner Brother Chub (\$546,336) and three other winners from five Hey Chub foals to start.

Sassy Broad had a Hey Chub Pennsylvania-bred filly in 2020, as did Takin the Plunge, who has produced four foals by Hey Chub. A fifth foal, Takin the Plunge's unraced 3-year-old Helosthismarbles, is a colt by Uncle Lino.

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Barlar LLC-bred Vault — a daughter of long-time Pennsylvania leading sire Jump Start and year-younger half-sister to Grade 1 winner Mirth — made her own headlines when recording her first graded stakes win in Belmont Park's \$200,000 Ruffian Stakes-G2 on May 2. The 5-year-old mare now owned by Kueber Racing LLC, Barlar LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and Little Red Feather Racing and trained by Brad Cox rallied from a slow start to cruise home a one and three-quarter-length winner in the one-mile dirt stakes.

It was the bay mare's second career stakes victory, having taken Laurel Park's Thirty Eight Go Go in November 2019 under the Barlar colors while trained by Bernie Houghton. After that start, her first outside of Pennsylvania, the filly was sold to the partnership group with breeder/owner Larry Karp staying in for a piece. She was sent to Cox at Oaklawn Park (which had racing action last April during the early Covid days) and in her first start for her new connections she finished fourth in allowance company behind graded stakes winners Blamed and Letruska, the latter recent winner of the Apple Blossom Handicap-G1 over champions Monomoy Girl and Swiss Skydiver.

Vault travelled to three different states for her three additional starts in 2020 – finishing third in Churchill Downs' Shawnee Stakes behind Grade 1 winner Dunbar Road in May; second to Lucky Move in Delaware Park's Obeah Stakes in June and RUFFIAN S. (G2) BEL, \$200,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 5-2.

Won - VAULT

m, 5, Jump Start-Di's Delight, by French Deputy.
O-Kueber Racing, LLC, Barlar LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and Little Red Feather Racing, B-Barlar, LLC (PA),
T-Brad H. Cox, J-Joel Rosario, \$110,000.

off-the-board in Monmouth's Grade 3 Molly Pitcher Stakes in July.

The new year didn't start promisingly when she was unprepared for the break in Oaklawn's Pippin Stakes in January and ended up being pulled up. Allowance competition righted the ship, as she finished second, then won by nearly two lengths, in two starts in March at Oaklawn before shipping to Cox's base at Churchill Downs. "They had her down in Kentucky and it took us a while to figure her out, but now it looks like we got the wheels spinning finally and she showed it today," said Dustin Dugas, assistant to Cox, after the Ruffian. "The guys in Kentucky had her ready to roll."

"She was a little slow out of there," said rider Joel Rosario. "Brad said to let her be comfortable where she was and come with a run and she did. She was pretty amazing."

Vault is the fifth Pennsylvania-bred foal bred by Karp out of the stakes-placed French Deputy mare Di's Delight, owned by Barlar since being purchased in November 2011. Di's Delight was named Pennsylvania's 2019 Broodmare of the Year after Mirth won Santa Anita's Rodeo Drive Stakes-G1 and was named 2019 Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year, Older Female and Turf Female, and Vault won or placed in seven of eight starts that year, including the Thirty Eight Go Go. Barlar and Houghton have Vault's 3-year-old full brother, Crypt, currently in training at Penn National.

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SHAKERTOWN S. (G2)

KEE, \$200,000, 3YO/UP, 5 1/2FT, 4-3.

3rd - The Critical Way

g, 7, Tizway-Critical Factor, by Star De Naskra. (\$17,000 '14 KEENOV; \$65,000 '15 KEESEP; \$75,000 2016 OBSJUN). O-Monster Racing Stables, B-Blackstone Farm, LLC (PA), \$20,000.

BAY SHORE S. (G3)

AQU, \$194,000, 3YO, 7F, 4-3.

3rd - Too Boss

c, 3, El Padrino-Bossy Posse, by Posse. O-Michael Cascio, B-Mr & Mrs Michael Joseph Cascio (PA), \$24,000.

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GIANT'S CAUSEWAY S.

KEE, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5 1/2FT, 4-10.

3rd - Jakarta

m, 6, Bustin Stones – T J's Stormy Wit, by Stormello. (\$35,000 2019 FTMWIN). O-Three Diamonds Farm, B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc (PA), \$10.000.

LICENSE FEE S.

BEL, \$100,000, 4YO&UP, 6F-T, 4-30.

3rd - Caravel

gr/ro. f. 4, by Mizzen Mast, - Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. B/O/T-Elizabeth M. Merryman (PA), \$12,000.

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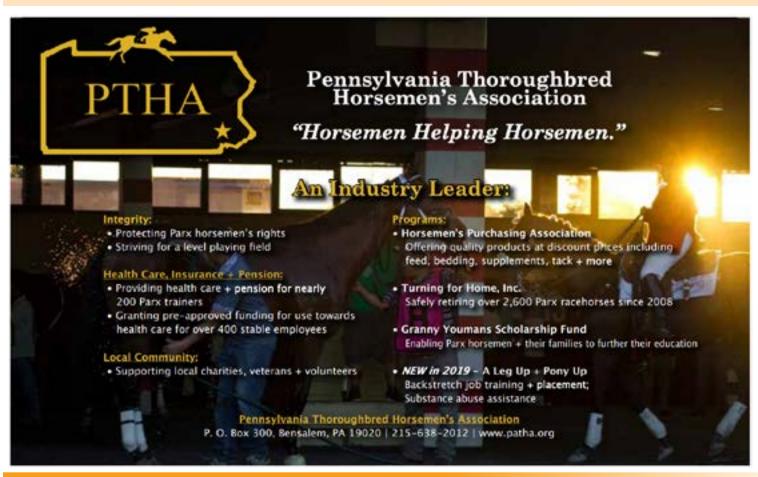
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