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Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
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## Beren's connections have decades-long line of winners

by Emily Shields

The success of Pennsylvania-bred Beren, a three-time stakes winner in 2021, is a story nearly four decades in the making. It weaves together the friendship between Christopher Feifarek and Stephen and Susan Quick, as well as the brilliance of a few homebred runners, into a tale worthy of a full-length novel. And it all started with Kattegat's Pride.

In 1982, Feifarek bought his very first yearling at auction, and had to ship it somewhere to reside until its racing days. "It ended up at St. Omer's Farm, which was the Quicks' farm," Feifarek recalled. "I went to visit the horse on the farm, met them, and we hit it off immediately."

The Quicks had a gray filly in training at the same time named Kattegat's Pride. The Maryland-bred daughter of North Sea was running consistently in allowance races, but had yet to win a stakes. "This was the first time I knew anyone else that owned a racehorse," Feifarek recalled. "I was with them at the track when she won her first stakes race, and I became her biggest fan outside the owners."

Kattegat's Pride, who ultimately won a Grade 3 for the Quicks, was a homebred. "We'd purchased a barren mare, Pilgrim's Pride, in 1977 to get Kattegat's Pride in 1979," Susan Quick explained. "That's what started it all." Retired with 19 wins in 54 starts for earnings of \$511,812, Kattegat's Pride became a broodmare carrying the Quick couples' hopes and dreams, but fell flat. "She was a terrible broodmare with only had four foals," Quick said. "But somehow, she goes on and on."



All three of Kattegat's Pride's starters became winners, but none did more than break their maiden. The only filly of the group was Kattebuck, by Kentucky Derby winner Spend a Buck.

"It was a foal share with the stallion owner," Feifarek said. "They were going to split the foal 50/50, but the other guy wanted to cash out his half. I bought him out to become the co-owner of Kattebuck, and I was thrilled to death to have a chance to own part of this horse."

Kattebuck was retired in 1992. "Since she was the only filly Kattegat's Pride ever had, we knew if we wanted to keep that line going, we'd have to retire Kattebuck and breed her," Feifarek said. Unlike her dam, Kattebuck had considerable success as a broodmare. Of her eight starters, seven won, for progeny earnings of \$1,313,045. The bulk of that was made up from her brilliant millionaire daughter, Silmaril.

A daughter of Diamond, Silmaril won 16 of 36 starts, including 12 stakes races. Her graded wins included the Endine Handicap-G3 at Delaware Park and Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff

Handicap-G3 at Pimlico, the latter over multiple Eclipse Award winner and Hall of Famer Ashado. The brilliant dark bay filly finished in the top three 26 times, and retired with the ability to be bred to numerous top-class Kentucky stallions.

She did not get in foal to Giant's Causeway for 2009, but produced a winning More Than Ready filly in 2010. Silmaril's Exchange Rate daughter Suzy Blue Light was a four-time winner, and she had a three-time winner named Suzy Moonlight, by Blame. But then the partnership turned inwards to look at local studs.

Susan Quick's son Chip Wheeler heads WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., and had an attractive stallion prospect standing named Weigelia. A dual Grade 3-winning millionaire who was Grade 1-placed at Saratoga, Weigelia had the look of a strong prospect in the Keystone State.

"There were a couple of years where we traded off which person would breed Silmaril," Feifarek said. "We wanted to breed to different horses, so to resolve the issue we took turns. The idea of going to Weigelia was 100% the Quicks'. Looking back on it, there were reasons why Weigelia was a good idea; he kept spitting out these allowance and stakes level horses, and he had a stakes winner out of the Quicks' mare Katarica Disco [a daughter of Silmaril's half-sister Legal Kat]. Steve Quick al-

ways said Weigelia threw very well conformed foals, while Silmaril's were always crooked."

The fairytale story paused around this time, as Steve Quick passed and Silmaril struggled to stay in foal.

"Silmaril didn't have a foal in 2019, and Sue approached me about partnering on the 2018 colt as a joint venture," Feifarek said. "I took her up on it and became a retroactive partner on the horse that became Beren."

Trained by Robert Reid Jr., Beren took five tries to break his maiden, but since then has been nearly flawless. The bay colt scored by 6¼ lengths at Parx Feb. 10 going 6 furlongs, then added an allowance race at the same track March 3. He was fourth in the Grade 3 Bay Shore at Aqueduct after stumbling quite badly at the start.

"Forget about conditions," Quick lamented. "He jumped right into graded company! But we leave that all to the trainer; we don't tell him what to do. He's the last word."

Reid's word was good, as Beren then reeled off three consecutive stakes wins.

First came the \$100,000 Gold Fever Stakes at Belmont Park on May 9. Beren won by a nose, gutting out a victory over Candy Man Rocket. "I've had horses for 40 years now, and his win there was my first in a New York race," Feifarek said. "It was the smallest margin of victory that I'd ever had in a win. One race later it was the largest margin of victory I'd ever had."

Wheeled back in the \$100,000 Paradise Creek Stakes on May 30, Beren led throughout to score by 10¾ lengths. After two straight Belmont wins, he returned to Parx to annex the \$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes by 9½ lengths. The 1¼-mile race was originally scheduled for the grass, but came off the turf due to rain.

"He'd never gone two turns before," Quick said, "but I remember the announcer saying that he certainly doesn't have any trouble with it. I was told by Sonny Hines (of Skip Away fame) years ago that a good horse will run on anything."

"He reminds me of his mother at this point," Feifarek said. "She could win at six furlongs, seven, a mile, a mile and an eighth... Most stakes horses are either a sprinter, or a miler, but they've got flexibility. We can run him wherever it suits him, with endless opportunities to keep up his momentum."

Feifarek has extra reason to cheer for the special Pennsylvania-bred, as he and his wife donate a tenth of all their purse earnings to Itineris, a nonprofit group serving adults with autism.

"Hopefully he can stay good down the line and hold up physically," Feifarek said of Beren, who has five wins and two seconds in 11 starts for earnings of \$291,470. "He can run on dirt or turf, short or long, against Pennsylvania-breds or not. The sky's the limit with him."

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Our new online registration system is up and running and the feedback has been very positive. No more paper! A shout out to Vicky Schowe for leading this project. If you are experiencing any issues, please let us know and we also welcome your comments.

PA Day at the Races 2020 on Aug. 23 was a huge success with a great turnout! It was great to be back together again. Congratulations to all the competitors! We hope to continue the high spirits and good luck from PA Day into the fall months for broodmare domicile. Don't miss out on being part of the top breeding programs

in the country! As a reminder, Broodmare Domicile Reports are due to the PHBA by Dec. 1. Broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, or within 14 days of a public sale (60 days if the sale is outside the U.S.). If you're breeding back to a registered PA stallion, you must complete the domicile report within 14 days of entering the state and reside continuously for 60 days through foaling.

Forms can be found online at [www.pabred.com](http://www.pabred.com). It would be greatly appreciated if you can fill out and submit the form online. If you are unable to submit the form online, you

may either print out a report and mail it in, or let us know and we'll mail a copy to you.

Our annual Stallion Directory forms will be mailed and emailed to our stallion owners and broodmare domicile farm owners to have your information listed. Submissions will be due in early October. Don't miss out on this free service! Good luck for the balance of 2021. Go Pa!!



# 2021 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

<p><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 27</b> <b>PARX RACING</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP</b> 3 &amp; up, 7 furlongs 1st - Wait For It, 2nd - Chilly in Charge, 3rd - Breezy Gust</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 7 furlongs 1st - Chub Wagon, 2nd - Promised Storm, 3rd - Ujjayi</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 28</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf 1st - Trolley Ride, 2nd - Midnight Obsession, 3rd - Discretely Tough</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf 1st - Ravens Delight, 2nd - Chilly In Charge, 3rd - Saratoga Jack</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, JUNE 22</b> <b>PARX RACING</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES</b> 3YO, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 5 furlongs, turf</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, JULY 19</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES</b> 3YO fillies, 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> furlongs 1st - Just One Time, 2nd - Maldives Model, 3rd - Tactical Pajamas</p>	
<p><b>MONDAY, JULY 26</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Darcy Mae, 2nd - Redeem My Heart, 3rd - Wildcat Cartridge</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY, JULY 27</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Wait for It, 2nd - Viski Jones, 3rd - Ravens Delight</p>	
<p><b>PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES</b>  <b>MONDAY, AUGUST 23</b> <b>PARX RACING</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, 6 furlongs</p> <p><b>\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf</p> <p><b>\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 6 furlongs</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP</b> 3 &amp; up, 5 furlongs, turf</p> <p><b>\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, SEPT. 13</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES</b> 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES</b> 2YO, 6 furlongs</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 25</b> <b>PARX RACING</b></p>	<p><b>\$200,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP</b> 3 &amp; up, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf</p>	<p><b>\$200,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES</b> 3 &amp; up, fillies &amp; mares, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, OCT. 22</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES</b> 3YO, 6 furlongs</p>	<p><b>\$100,000 NEW START STAKES</b> 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, NOV. 26</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES</b> 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY, DEC. 7</b> <b>PARX RACING</b></p>	<p><b>\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES</b> 2YO, 7 furlongs</p>	

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3 & UP, F&M, 1 1/16M

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