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## Pennsylvania Day At the Races 2021

by Linda Dougherty

While Mother Nature chose to unleash a heavy dose of rain in the run-up to Pennsylvania's Day At the Races, the ensuing sloppy track and off-the-turf races did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of all those in attendance at Parx Racing on Monday, Aug. 23.

The afternoon featured a 12-race card devoted to Pennsylvania-breds, including five \$100,000 stakes, and the winners sported a fine mix of pedigrees, from those representing stallions standing in the Keystone State to others sired by horses that stand in Kentucky and beyond.

And for fans of Smarty Jones, without a doubt one of the most popular Pennsylvania-breds, he appears as the broodmare sire of two of the five stakes winners—Mrs. Penny Stakes winner Precious, and Storm Cat Stakes winner I Am Redeemed.

The stakes parade commenced with the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes at 6 furlongs on the main track for fillies and mares. It featured the undefeated Chub Wagon, who was looking for her ninth consecutive win for co-owners Danny Lopez and George Chestnut. At the wire, however, it was The Elkstone Group's Don't Call Me Mary who had collared Chub Wagon near the eighth pole and drew away to a nearly 2-length victory, covering the distance in a fleet 1:09.57 over the sloppy sealed surface.



The winner is trained by Todd Pletcher and bred by Richard Simoff, who owns Twin Ponds Farm in Oxford, Pa.

The Garofalo Memorial was the first blacktype victory for Don't Call Me Mary, and she is the first stakes winner for her dam Monette, a daughter of Not For Love. Now 24, Monette has a yearling colt by Hoppertunity.

When the rain forced the Mrs. Penny Stakes for fillies and mares off the turf, there was one owner/breeder who wasn't concerned in the least about his filly's ability to handle the surface switch.

"The mud didn't phase us at all," said Greg Newell, president of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, about Precious, who runs under his Newell Thoroughbreds banner and is trained by John Servis. "She'd already won a stakes race [the 2019 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Penn National] on an off-track before."

The Mrs. Penny scratched down to four horses, but instead of being a hum-drum affair it turned into a test of strategy for the jockeys, with Frankie Pennington going to the lead aboard Precious, setting slow fractions, and then having plenty left at the end of  $1\frac{1}{16}$  miles to repulse the challenge of favored Vault, from the Brad Cox barn. She won by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths over the sloppy surface.

Brilliant Sunshine, the dam of Precious, was one of the first Thoroughbreds owned by Newell, and was also trained by Servis during her 21-race career. While her first foals were unassuming, Newell said he was not going to give up on the daughter of Smarty Jones as a broodmare.

"She just needed the proper nick to make it work," he said. One of those nicks came from the Storm Cat line, as Newell chose Fed Biz for Brilliant Sunshine's mate in 2016, and she produced a dark bay or brown filly in March 2017 whom Newell christened "Precious."

"She was foaled around the time my wife Kathy was diagnosed with breast cancer," said Newell. "When you go through something like that, you realize how precious life is. So treat each day like it is precious—and the filly's name

is a message of hope for those on that journey."

Precious now has a lifetime record of five wins from 13 starts, and earnings of \$252,020.

Newell said Brilliant Sunshine was bred to Lookin At Lucky this year. She has a yearling filly by Hoppertunity and foaled a colt by Not This Time this spring.

The Storm Cat Stakes, for 3-year-olds and up at  $1\frac{1}{16}$  miles, showcased the burgeoning talent of sophomore I Am Redeemed, who rode the rail and humbled a seasoned field, winning by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths under jockey Abner Adorno.

The race not only was the son of Redeemed's first stakes victory, but the first for his trainer, Penny Pearce, as well as for Adorno and owner/breeder Dr. Larry Rebbecca.

Rebecca, a small animal veterinarian, bred the colt from his mare One Smart Philly, who, like Brilliant Sunshine, is a daughter of Smarty Jones.

"I claimed the mare for \$5,000," said Rebecca. "I got her for the genetics. I Am Redeemed is her second foal; he was foaled at New Bolton Center, where I send all my mares. Then they come back to my farm in Woodstown, New Jersey."

One Smart Philly, a six-time winner of \$323,490, foaled a colt by Uncle Lino

this season and has a yearling filly by that stallion. Her first foal, Uncle Tony P (by Posse), was a winner last year at 3 and currently races for Rebecca at Parx.

Rebecca owns Philadelphia Animal Hospital near the Philadelphia International Airport, as well as two PetCheck Urgent Care offices, which offers affordable veterinary care at extended hours, in south Jersey. Rebecca said he has plans to open a third PetCheck in the Levittown, Pa., area.

"My whole practice follows my horses," he said. "If I Am Redeemed is able to run in the Pennsylvania Derby (Sept. 25), you will see a lot of people at Parx wearing the same T-shirt in support of him—something that says 'I Am Redeemed, brought to you by the Philadelphia Animal Hospital.'"

Unraced at 2, I Am Redeemed now has won \$112,200, capturing three of his four starts this year.

Rebecca said that he anonymously gives away most of the money his horses earn to local animal rescues, as well as to individuals or small organizations that need help.

Stefcon Racing's Admiral Abe, a 5-year-old son of Midshipman trained by Robert Mosco and co-bred by White Diamond Inc. and Five Ring Stables, is

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

PA Day at the Races 2021 on Aug. 23 was a huge success with a great turnout! Congratulations to all the competitors! We hope to continue the high spirits and good luck from Pennsylvania's Day at the Races into the fall months for broodmare domicile.

Don't miss out on being part of one 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 sale outside the US). 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.

Forms will be mailed and emailed to our stallion owners and broodmare domicile farm owners to have your information listed in our annual Stallion Directory. Submissions will be due in early October. Don't miss out on this free service!



enjoying the best season of his career, as evidenced by his victory in the Marshall Jenney Handicap, his first stakes score.

Not only did the gelding lead in gate-to-wire fashion under Silvestre Gonzalez, but he covered the 5 furlongs in a swift :56.99, just missing the track record of :56.06 set by My Favorite Grub in 1998.

The victory was the fifth from nine starts for Admiral Abe in 2021, and pushed his career earnings to \$420,142.

James Walker, who breeds under the name White Diamond Inc., raced Precious Penny, the dam of Admiral Abe, several times before retiring her to the broodmare ranks due to an injury. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday was bred to Midshipman in back-to-back years – the first resulted in \$145,700-earner Jag, the second produced Admiral Abe, foaled at Sylmar Farm in Christiana, Pa. Admiral Abe initially raced for Walker before being claimed away.

"I just breed on a small scale," said Walker, who heads Access Strategy Partners, a medical device consulting company, in Braintree, Mass. "I really like the Pennsylvania breeding program; it makes a lot of sense for me."

Walker sold Precious Penny at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale in 2018, along with her weanling PA-bred daughter by Uncle Lino. The filly, Hipnotizada, became Uncle Lino's first winner in July 2020 at Delaware Park. Hipnotizada's most recent win was a Penn National allowance in May.

Longtime New Jersey breeders Hidden Aces 4-D Farm have reaped the benefit of dropping their foals in Pennsylvania the last several years, with the most recent success story being the victory of Fortheluvofbourbon in the Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes, the grand finale on the Pennsylvania's Day At the Races program.

The 4-year-old son of Maryland sire Bourbon Courage, trained by Michael Pino,

survived a fierce stretch battle with Golden Candy and Final Shot to prevail in the 6-furlong test by a neck under Paco Lopez. It was his fifth lifetime win from 11 starts, and first added-money triumph. His lifetime earnings are \$193,848.

Fortheluvofbourbon represents several generations of hard-hitting performers bred by Hidden Acres 4-D Farm, which is located in Allentown, N.J., and owned by the Wilkinson family. Found in his female family is the mare Laura Who, a daughter of Deputed Testamony who made 88 starts during her career and produced many good horses, including stakes winner Love Who.

The Pennsylvania's Day At the Races card also featured two winners sired by the prolific Pennsylvania stallion Weigelia. The first, Fore Harp, broke his maiden with pizzazz for trainer Robert E. "Butch" Reid, storming to a nearly 9-length victory in a 7-furlong test after leading all the way under Pennington. He was bred by St. Omer's Farm. The second, Confirmed Genius, also led from start to finish in capturing a 7-furlong allowance by nearly 4 lengths. She was bred by Lynda Furlong and trained by Jamie Ness.

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THE PHBA MOVES FOUR STAKES TO  
**\$200,000**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 25  
PARX RACING  
ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP  
3 & UP, 1 1/16M, TURF  
PLUM PRETTY STAKES  
3 & UP, F&M, 1 1/16M**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 26  
PENN NATIONAL  
SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES  
2YO FILLIES, 6F**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 7  
PARX RACING  
PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES  
2YO, 7F**

**& ADDS TWO \$100,000 3 YEAR OLD STAKES!**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 22, PENN NATIONAL**

**DANZIG STAKES, 3YO, 6 FURLONGS  
NEW START STAKES, 3YO FILLIES, 6 FURLONGS**

# 2021 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 27</b> <b>PARX RACING</b>	<b>\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP</b> 3 & up, 7 furlongs 1st - Wait for It, 2nd - Chilly in Charge, 3rd - Breezy Gust	<b>\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 furlongs 1st - Chub Wagon, 2nd - Promised Storm, 3rd - Ujjayi
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 28</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b>	<b>\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, off turf 1st - Trolley Ride, 2nd - Midnight Obsession, 3rd - Discreetly Tough	<b>\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES</b> 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, off turf 1st - Ravens Delight, 2nd - Chilly in Charge, 3rd - Saratoga Jack
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 22</b> <b>PARX RACING</b>	<b>\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES</b> 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, off turf 1st - Beren, 2nd - Like a Saltshaker, 3rd - Fire's Finale	<b>\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 furlongs, off turf 1st - Hey Mamaluke, 2nd - Precious, 3rd - Tara's Talent
<b>MONDAY, JULY 19</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b>	<b>\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES</b> 3YO fillies, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs 1st - Just One Time, 2nd - Maldives Model, 3rd - Tactical Pajamas	
<b>MONDAY, JULY 26</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b>	<b>\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Darcy Mae, 2nd - Redeem My Heart, 3rd - Wildcat Cartridge	
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 27</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b>	<b>\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES</b> 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards 1st - Wait For It, 2nd - Viski Jones, 3rd - Ravens Delight	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA'S</b> <b>DAY AT THE RACES</b>  <b>MONDAY, AUGUST 23</b> <b>PARX RACING</b>	<b>\$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES</b> 3 & up, 6 furlongs 1st - Fortheluvofbourbon, 2nd - Golden Candy, 3rd - Prince of Rain  <b>\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, off turf 1st - Precious, 2nd - Vault, 3rd - Trolley Ride  <b>\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 furlongs 1st - Don't Call Me Mary, 2nd - Chub Wagon, 3rd - Cinnabunny	<b>\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP</b> 3 & up, 5 furlongs, off turf 1st - Admiral Abe, 2nd - Smooth B, 3rd - Screen Saver  <b>\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES</b> 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles 1st - I Am Redeemed, 2nd - Lord Winsalot, 3rd - Irish Cork
<b>MONDAY, SEPT. 13</b> <b>PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS</b>	<b>\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES</b> 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs	<b>\$100,000 MARK McDERMOTT STAKES</b> 2YO, 6 furlongs
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 25</b> <b>PARX RACING</b>	<b>\$200,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP</b> 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf	<b>\$200,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES</b> 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 22</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b>	<b>\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES</b> 3YO, 6 furlongs	<b>\$100,000 NEW START STAKES</b> 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs
<b>FRIDAY, NOV. 26</b> <b>PENN NATIONAL</b>	<b>\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES</b> 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs	
<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 7</b> <b>PARX RACING</b>	<b>\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES</b> 2YO, 7 furlongs	