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Brian Sanfratello
Executive Secretary



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WITTY IS NOT JOKING AROUND

Half to Champion Caravel is the real deal.

BY EMILY SHIELDS

“You never know for sure, but he was spectacular from birth.”

Elizabeth Merryman was fond of her Pennsylvania-bred homebred Witty from the outset, but a lifetime with horses has taught her that anything can happen. However, Witty was the kind of horse that made the entire community dream.

“He was big and gorgeous and smart and correct and beautiful,” she recalled. “There are the most amazing baby pictures of him. My feed man would stop by and visit and said he was the most amazing baby he had ever seen. One day, he offered to trade the feed company for him!”

The son of Great Notion—Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats, born April 9, 2019, had an awful lot of hype to live up to, but Witty has surpassed expectations and more. Merryman bred the gray or roan gelding from a mare who had just one win to her credit from 10 starts and no notable offspring at the time, although her dam Zee Zee (by Exchange Rate) was a two-time listed stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed. Despite his humble beginnings, Witty was always a class act. “We thought a lot of him pretty much always.”

Word of Witty’s blossoming talent had not spread, as he went off a 27-1 shot in his September 2021 debut at Laurel Park.

“I wasn’t expecting him to win first out, because I never crank them up that tight,” Merryman said.

“I always give them their first and second start as a learning experience.

“He didn’t break that well and weaved through the pack. It was a really tough race so I thought he ran incredibly.” He rallied to finish second of 11 in the six-furlong maiden race.

Wanting to protect her budding star, Merryman scratched him multiple times. “I scratched him from a Pennsylvania-bred maiden race at Parx when it rained the day before, and I scratched him a few times in Delaware. The first time I wanted to run him he had shipped to Delaware Park and I noticed he was stirred up. I told the groom to watch him, came back and the groom said [Witty] had climbed underneath the stall runner and cut his stifle. We had to have the vet look at it and scratch.”

Merryman brushed off the suggestion that Witty is hot tempered. “Mentally he is excellent, he just didn’t know where he was. He trains out of Fair Hill and has since become very professional.”

Entered at Parx in maiden special weight company on October 25, Witty pounced on the leaders under jockey Carol Cedeno and drew off to win by four and three-quarters lengths, stopping the clock in 1:10.91 for six furlongs. He closed out the year in December with a big win in the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes, romping home by five and a half lengths over Uncle Buddy, Vine Jet, Dance Code, Disco Ebo and five others.

Returned to Laurel Park for his 3-year-old debut on January 29, Witty took on seven rivals in the \$100,000 Spectacular Bid Stakes going seven furlongs. He was only the third choice but ran his best race to date, drawing off seven and three-quarters lengths over Coastal Mission, with multiple stakes winner Local Motive another two and a quarter lengths back in third.

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“I nominated him to the Triple Crown but I knew he wasn’t going that way,” said Merryman of her two-time stakes winner. “We are thinking more about races like the [Grade 2] Penn Mile.”

Witty, who is trained by Merryman’s son McLane Hendriks, has been on respite after developing bone bruising. “He’s really big and immature, and he had some bruising after that last race,” Merryman said, “so we are going to have him climb hills, mature a bit, and lay down some new bone.”

The easy partnership between Merryman and Hendriks has been part of Witty’s success, as has his surprisingly powerhouse dam Zeezee Zoomzoom.

As he was being broken and prepared for the races, Witty’s two-year older half-sister Caravel (by Mizzen Mast) was racking up stakes wins at Saratoga, Pimlico, Monmouth and Presque Isle Downs. “She was doing well and looked like she was going to be campaigning to some of the biggest spots when I was diagnosed with breast cancer,” Merryman said. “It was pretty aggressive and was going to take a lot of time and attention away from the horses, so I agreed to sell a majority interest in Caravel and let her be transferred to Graham Motion.” Caravel was sold last fall at the

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky select fall mixed sale for \$500,000 as a racing or broodmare prospect. In her first start of 2022 for new owners Qatar Racing and Marc Detampel, she captured the Queen Stakes at Turfway Park in March to up her record to eight wins in 13 starts and earnings of \$448,777.

Hendriks was galloping horses for trainers such as Bill Mott and Mike Trombetta and was considering transitioning to the track full time from working in real estate. “He said he could be my assistant trainer and help out when I couldn’t make it, which sounded great to me.”

Hendriks got his trainer’s license and has taken over the official training, which Merryman feels good about. “He’s young, he’s very ambitious, and gets on a lot of horses every day. He rides Witty every day and is working really hard. I have a whole farm operation of mares and babies and layups and he’s focused and passionate about it all.”

Witty, who officially has three wins and a second in four starts for earnings of \$204,000, is going to be out of commission for another few weeks, but Merryman and Hendriks can look forward to more siblings hitting the track in the next year. Zeezee Zoomzoom’s juvenile colt by Holy Boss is named Mission Man, and recently went through a powerful growth spurt that knocked him out of training for several months. An unnamed yearling full brother to Witty is waiting in the wings to head to the track in 2023.

For a horse who carried the weight of such immense expectations as a youngster, Witty has prevailed and more, racing and winning more impressively with each start. His return to the races later this year will be highly anticipated indeed. ■



PA NURSERY STAKES TROPHY PRESENTATION
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Friday, June 3	\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES \$100,000 NEW START STAKES \$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES \$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES	3YO, 6 furlongs 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs 3 & up, f&m, 1 ¹ / ₁₆ miles, turf 3 & up, 1 ¹ / ₁₆ miles, turf
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Monday, June 27	\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES \$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3YO, 1 ¹ / ₁₆ miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf
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Monday, July 18	\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6½ furlongs
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Monday, July 25	\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
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Tuesday, July 26	\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
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Monday, August 22

\$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES	3 & up, 6 furlongs
\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP	3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf
\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 ¹ / ₁₆ miles, turf
\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
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\$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES	2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5½ furlongs



Saturday, Sept. 24	\$200,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP \$200,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES	3 & up, 1 ¹ / ₁₆ miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
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Tuesday, Oct. 18	3 & UP PA-SIRED PA-BREDS \$100,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
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Monday, Oct. 24	\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
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Tuesday, Oct. 25	\$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES	2YO, 6 furlongs
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Friday, Nov. 25	\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
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Tuesday, Nov. 29	\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
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MILLIONAIRE ROW -

HARD SPUN: THE FRONT RUNNING PHENOMENON

BY AVERIE LEVANTE

Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable is forever etched into Pennsylvania breeding lore as the breeder of a record five Pennsylvania-bred millionaires. The very best of those five millionaires was fittingly sired by the breeding-shaping, Pennsylvania-bred stallion Danzig.

Betty's son, Michael, began breeding, racing, and training racehorses of his own in the 1980s with moderate levels of success. In 1992, he purchased a Turkoman filly at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$39,000. Named Turkish Tryst, Moran campaigned the filly to four victories in fifteen races. Thriving in long-winded grass races, Turkish Tryst picked up a stakes victory in the 1 ½ mile April Run Stakes and placed third in the G2 Matchmaker.

Turkish Tryst retired for broodmare duty at Brushwood Farm and produced a couple black-type foals for the Morans before they decided to send her to Danzig for her fifth foal. On May 10, 2004, Turkish Tryst delivered a bay colt bred in the name of Michael Moran and Brushwood Stable.

Spending his first year at Brushwood before heading to the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Turkish Tryst's colt was bid up to \$485,000 but did not meet reserve. Upon his failure to sell, Delaware automobile dealer Rick Porter reached out to privately purchase the colt, and he was off to join Porter's Fox Hill Farms under the tutelage of trainer Larry Jones.

Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms had been on the rise as a racing operation since he began owning racehorses in 1994. With most of his racing stock based in his home state of Pennsylvania, the colt, eventually named Hard Spun, made his new home at Delaware Park.

Hard Spun was ready for his first race by the fall of his 2-year-old season, and he debuted at Delaware Park on October 22, 2006. Heading straight to the lead, Hard Spun never looked back and cruised to an eight and three-quarter-length victory. Stepping straight into stakes company, the colt took on the Port Penn Stakes as the heavy favorite. Dueling through quick early fractions, Hard Spun still managed to shake away from his rivals turning for home to draw away to a five-length score. In his final start as a 2-year-old, Hard Spun shipped to Philadelphia Park for the Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes. It was much of the same as the colt romped home by seven and three-quarters lengths.

With the Kentucky Derby in mind, Hard Spun traveled south over the winter and began his march on the Derby Trail in the Grade 3 LeComte Stakes at Fair Grounds. He picked up right where he had left off, going straight to the front and never looking back for a six and a half-length victory.

Now riding a four-race unbeaten streak, Hard Spun took his show on the road to Oaklawn Park for the Southwest Stakes. Having been a frontrunner up to that point, an attempt at a change in tactics was tried in the Southwest. Taken in hand early, Hard Spun settled into fifth place in the early going. After moving up to get within a length of the lead around the turn, he ended up flattening out and had to settle for fourth place, beaten three lengths by Teuflesberg.

With his first career defeat in the rearview mirror, Larry Jones took Hard Spun to Kentucky for one final shot at making the Derby. The Grade 2 Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park, on an all-weather synthetic surface instead of dirt, would be his final prep race, and the colt faced off against 11 other rivals. While again not going to the lead, Hard Spun was allowed to settle closer to the pace this time in third while pressing the leaders. Grabbing the lead around the turn, the colt looked much of old while pulling away to a comfortable three and a quarter-length score. The Kentucky Derby was on.

The 2007 Kentucky Derby featured one of the most wide open fields in recent memory. Eight horses from the field of 20 would end up going to the post with odds below 15-1. Among the favorites were champion 2-year-old and Breeders' Cup Ju-

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venile winner Street Sense, who was entering off a loss to longshot Dominican in the Grade 1 Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland. The talk of the town was Curlin, a Steve Asmussen-trainee who had only debuted for the first time three months prior and had done nothing wrong in his three starts up to that point, with a 10½-length victory in the Grade 2 Arkansas Derby his most recent showing. The Todd Pletcher-trained Scat Daddy had reeled off impressive victories in the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth and Grade 1 Florida Derby prior to arriving in Kentucky. Hard Spun would end up the fourth betting choice at 10-1.

Drawing post eight, Hard Spun was in the perfect position to control things on his own after breaking cleanly, and regular rider Mario Pino allowed him to take control of the pace. Pressured early by longshots Stormello, Cowtown Cat and Teuflesberg, the opening quarter was set down in a blazing 22.96 seconds. Shaking away from his rivals entering the second quarter, Hard Spun was able to open up a couple lengths on the field moving down the backstretch. While the pace had slowed a bit, the colt still posted swift fractions of :46.26 and 1:11.13 before rounding the final turn.

Widening his lead to three lengths approaching the final quarter mile, Hard Spun almost looked as if he had possibly stolen the Kentucky Derby when Street Sense began to unleash a massive run from 19th place. Getting a miracle rail run, Street Sense flashed by horses before switching to the outside as the field banked into the stretch. With dead aim on Hard Spun, the two began to draw away from the rest of the field. But Street Sense's turn of foot was too much for a tiring Hard Spun, who gave in to his rival as he pulled away to a two and a quarter-length score. Hard Spun kept on in second place with a near six-length gap back to Curlin in third.

Uniquely, the top three from the Kentucky Derby all converged on

the Grade 1 Preakness Stakes two weeks later. Hard Spun was the 4-1 third choice behind Street Sense and Curlin. Initially sitting off the pace in third, Hard Spun rushed up to open a two-length lead entering the final turn. But when Street Sense and Curlin came running, Hard Spun had little to offer, and his two foes went on to battle down the stretch with Curlin ultimately getting the advantage by a head. Hard Spun kept on bravely to maintain third, beaten four lengths.

While he did attempt the final leg of the Triple Crown, Hard Spun had to settle for fourth in the Belmont Stakes-G1 after a wide trip left him without much in the tank. The filly Rags to Riches made history when getting her head down in front of Curlin at the wire. Hard Spun was 11 lengths behind the leading pair.

Regrouping following the Triple Crown, Hard Spun reemerged two months later with hopes of se-



HARD SPUN AT DARLEY

curing his first Grade 1 victory. Attempting the Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park, Hard Spun was the third choice behind what was an expected battle between Curlin and up-and-coming Grade 2 Dwyer Stakes winner Any Given Saturday. It ended up just being the Any Given Saturday show as that colt rolled to a four and a half-length victory over his chief rivals. Hard Spun and Curlin put on a battle of their own in second place, with Hard Spun getting the advantage by a head.

Instead of taking the traditional route to the Travers Stakes-G1, trainer Larry Jones opted to try Hard Spun in the seven-furlong King's Bishop on the undercard. Pushing longshot Spin Master through wicked fractions of :21.94 and :44.20, Hard Spun took command around the turn before being confronted by First Defence. First Defence actually put his neck in front of Hard Spun at the top of the stretch, but the colt battled on gamely to regain the lead and pull away to a length and a half score for his first Grade 1 victory.

Aiming for one final prep race before the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Hard Spun returned to Turfway Park for the Kentucky Cup Classic. Surprisingly enough, the Kentucky Cup Classic was also on the agenda for Street Sense, who was fresh off a victory in the Travers. With the Kentucky Derby top two squaring off again, only three other horses were willing to enter the Kentucky Cup Classic, and one ended up scratching before post time.

With a field of four contesting the Grade 2 event, Street Sense was installed a slight 4-5 favorite over 9-10 Hard Spun. With little competition, Hard Spun was able to go out to the lead and set the uncontested pace he wanted, and it ended up making the difference. Street Sense attempted to make a run around the final turn, getting as close a half length off of Hard Spun's lead, but Hard Spun had too much left in the tank and turned on the afterburners to pull away to a length and a quarter score.

The 2007 Breeders' Cup was hosted at Monmouth Park, and mother nature unfortunately did not seem to care. It poured monsoon level rains on Monmouth Park throughout that October Saturday, and the track was as sloppy as could be. In addition to Hard Spun, the Breeders' Cup Classic featured Street Sense and Curlin, who was entering off a victory in the Grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup. Gold Cup runner-up Lawyer Ron was

considered the best of the older horses, and Any Given Saturday was still well respected coming off a win in the Grade 2 Brooklyn Handicap against older runners.

Through dark skies and rain-drenched mud, Hard Spun set a quick pace in the Breeders' Cup Classic in a trip reminiscent to his Kentucky Derby. He had a two-length lead banking into the final turn when Curlin began to make his move from mid-pack. With much of his other competition floundering over the sloppy surface, Curlin presented the only threat to Hard Spun turning for home. Beginning to tire, Hard Spun didn't have much left to offer his rival down the stretch run, and Curlin blew past while clearly no worse for wear over the off going. Curlin romped his way to a four and a half-length victory that would earn him both champion 3-year-old and Horse of the Year honors as Hard Spun was definitely second-best, with nearly five lengths back to longshot Awesome Gem in third. Street Sense struggled over the going and settled for fourth.

The Breeders' Cup Classic would end up being Hard Spun's final race as he was relegated to stallion duties at Sheikh Mohammed's Darley the following year. From his two seasons on the racetrack, Hard Spun raced 13 times with seven wins, three seconds, and one third for earnings of \$2,673,470. He only finished worse than second on three occasions and never finished worse than fourth. Arguably some of his best performances came in defeat among one of the deepest 3-year-old crops of the century. He notched six stakes wins, with four at the graded level, and he secured Grade 1 glory in the King's Bishop Stakes.

Retiring alongside rival Street Sense at Darley, both Hard Spun and his foe have made quite the mark so far at stud. Frequently among the leading money-earning stallions each year, Hard Spun ranks in the top 20 on the North American general sires list. To date he has sired 102 stakes winners (in both hemispheres), including 44 at the graded level. He has 15 individual Grade/Group 1 winners and eight millionaires. His daughter Questing (GB) was named champion 3-year-old filly in 2012, and other leading runners include three-time Australian Group 1 winner Le Romain, 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Aloha West, and Grade 1 winner and Pennsylvania's 2022 leading active sire Wicked Strong.

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The following chart includes breeder and consignor. Highlighted horses are Pennsylvania-sired. Two-year-olds eligible for the Stallion Series are highlighted in green.

Hip #	DOB	Color	Sex	Name	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor
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134	5/2/2020	b	f		Hoppertunity	Arched	Arch	Best Foot Forward LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent II
305	2/28/2020	gr/ro	c		Gun Runner	Coppermine	Unbridled's Song	Blackstone Farm LLC	de Meric Sales, Agent VII
339	3/27/2020	db/br	f		Classic Empire	Dark Eyes	Holy Bull	GB Associates	Top Line Sales LLC, Agent LIV
395	2/10/2020	gr/ro	f		Peace and Justice	Elasticity	Paddy O'Prado	A1A Racing	Ocala Stud, Agent
504	2/25/2020	b	f		Hoppertunity	Hard On the Heart	Fairbanks	Charles L Kidder	S B M Training and Sales, Agent
520	3/22/2020	db/br	f		Good Magic	High Quail	Tiznow	Smart Angle LLP	Global Thoroughbreds LLC
560	4/27/2020	b	f		Munnings	Include the Aussie	Include	Henry L Hinkle	All Dreams Equine, Agent I
638	3/6/2020	db/br	c		McCraken	Lady Pomeroy	Pomeroy	Whysper Wynd Farm LLC	Advanced Thoroughbreds LLC
887	4/18/2020	b	c		Munnings	Perfectly Candid	Pleasantly Perfect	Arrowwood Farm Inc	Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent I
931	2/10/2020	b	f		Bernardini	Queen Scheherazade	Smart Strike	Blackstone Farm LLC	Gene Recio, Agent XI
950	3/29/2020	db/br	f		More Than Ready	Ratera	War Chant	Blackstone Farm LLC	de Meric Sales, Agent XXXIII
1061	2/6/2020	ch	c	Bold Hoppertunity	Hoppertunity	Silvikova	Badge of Silver	Steve Holliday	Pick View LLC, Agent XV
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

[PENN'S LANDING S, PRX, \\$100,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6 1/2F, 3-7.](#)

Won - HEY MAMALUKE

m, 6, Jump Start–Pu Dew, by Lucky Lionel. O-Joseph Capriglione, B-Joe Capriglione (PA), T-Patricia Farro, J-Andy Hernandez, \$57,600.

2nd - Jakarta

m, 7, Bustin Stones–T J's Stormy Wit, by Stormello. (\$35,000 2019 FTMWIN). O-Three Diamonds Farm, B-Arrowwood Farm Inc. (PA), \$19,200.

Joe Capriglione's homebred mare Hey Mamaluke got her second career stakes win, and first in open company, at the expense of odds-on choice Jakarta in the Penn's Landing at Parx on March 7. By taking the bulk of the \$100,000 purse, she pushed her career earnings to \$479,959 in 25 starts.

A 6-year-old daughter of the late Jump Start out Pu Dew, a mare claimed by Capriglione for \$5,000 in December 2009, Hey Mamaluke came into the Penn's Landing off an optional claiming score at Aqueduct going six furlongs on February 24 where she was risked for \$80,000, the only tag in the five-horse field. Trainer Patricia Farro wheeled her back 11 days later for the Penn's Landing, contested at six and a half furlongs. Hey Mamaluke was tackling Jakarta for the first time since the Mrs. Claus Stakes at Parx on December 28, a race won easily by Jakarta, but a lowlight on Hey Mamaluke's resume, as she was eased late after forcing Jakarta through quick fractions and finished 39 lengths behind the winner.

Bettors were willing to toss Hey Mamaluke's Mrs. Claus effort out however, and sent her off as the 5-1 third choice in the field of seven. She got the upper hand over Jakarta early, posting fractions of :22.17 and :44.66 and kicked away. While boring out through the stretch the margin shrank a bit, but she was still two lengths clear of Jakarta at the wire. The final time was 1:18.42.



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Hey Mamaluke is the second foal out of the Lucky Lionel mare Pu Dew, whose first foal is five-time winner and \$290,180-earner Hey Braciolo. The mare is the dam of one other named foal, Hey Dewzspots (2017, by El Padrino), a winner of two of her last four starts, the most recent on March 2 at Parx. ■

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

MAIN LINE S, PRX, \$96,000, 3YO, F, 1M 70Y, 3-8.

Won - MORNING MATCHA

f, 3, Central Banker–Home Ice, by Iam the Iceman. (\$18,000 '20 FTMYRL). O-LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Barber, Gary, B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA), T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Frankie Pennington, \$60,000.

3rd - Mia Tosca

f, 3, Animal Kingdom–Queen Scheherazade, by Smart Strike. (\$5,000 '20 KEESEP). O-Pewter Stable and Renzo A. Bontempo, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA), \$10,000.

Morning Matcha has made nine starts, all top-three finishes, and now is a stakes winner after opening up in the stretch to take the \$100,000 Main Line Stakes at Parx on March 8 by six and three-quarters lengths.

In the field scratched down to four after news of a suspected outbreak of equine herpesvirus-1 at the track and restrictions being put in place, Morning Matcha was sent off as the overwhelming 1-10 favorite. Allowed to gallop along behind her three rivals off modest fractions in the one mile and 70-yard test, she quickly joined the leaders on the far turn and was drawing away entering the stretch before gearing down for the easy score.

Racing for LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Gary Barber, the 3-year-old daughter of New York stallion Central Banker has raced as much in New York as she has in her home state. Based with trainer Butch Reid at Parx, the bay filly launched her career last June at Monmouth over a sloppy track and rallied to finish third. Her next two outings came in maiden special weight company at Saratoga before she tackled stakes competition as a maiden at Presque Isle Downs in the Finest City Stakes. Sent off as the lukewarm favorite in the field of seven PA-Bred 2-year-old fillies, she couldn't catch You Look Cold and came home second.

Her somewhat elusive maiden win came 12 days later in her fifth start, and first at Parx, when she flew up the rail and drew off to win by three and a half lengths over 10 rivals going seven and a half furlongs.

She is undefeated in three outings at Parx, as she added a dominating allowance win in November. Eligible for the \$500,000 New York Stallion Series Stakes



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in December at Aqueduct, she went off the even-money favorite in the field of 11 and ran a solid race, finishing second to frontrunning Yo Cuz.

Making her sophomore debut against open company in Aqueduct's Busanda Stakes in January, she finished with good energy going a mile and an eighth but once again was second.

An \$18,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sales purchase by LC Racing, Morning Matcha now has earnings of \$327,390. She is the sixth named foal, and only PA-Bred, out of the stakes-placed mare Home Ice. Clovis Crane purchased California-bred Home Ice, a multiple stakes-placed daughter of Iam the Iceman, under the name 4 Little Monkeys (an entity named for the Crane kids Amara, Dalia, Rosey and Coy) for \$3,500 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale in 2018 with Morning Matcha in utero. "She was a big, strong, pretty mare, and in foal to Central Banker [whose oldest crop were 2-year-olds]. I had seen his foals and thought he'd be a good stallion. And the mare could run. We bought her for next to nothing and took a chance," said Crane. Unfortunately Home Ice died in 2020 without producing another foal.

Joanna and Clovis Crane have bred a small number of horses over the years at their Crane Thoroughbreds in Lebanon, but the farm's emphasis has been on breaking, sales preparation and boarding. As of last fall the Cranes had no broodmares, but with more than \$31,000 in PA Breeding Fund Program Awards earned last year, they decided it was best to have numbers on the ground and purchased seven in-foal mares, with all expected to be bred back to Pennsylvania stallions this year. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE S, PRX, \$90,000, 3YO, 1 1/16M, 3-8.

Won - TWISTED RIDE

g, 3, Great Notion–Diva’s Gold, by Tenpins. O-Kasey K Racing Stable LLC, Michael R. Day and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC, B-Kasey K Racing Stable (PA), T-Kathleen A. Demasi, J-Ruben Silvera, \$60,000.

There was a ton of excitement for a three-horse race, as Twisted Ride, in only his third career start, battled Smarten Up every step of the mile and a sixteenth City of Brotherly Love Stakes for 3-year-olds at Parx on March 8 and held on to win by a nose. Courvoisier, the 3-5 favorite, was nearly 10 lengths back in third.

Trained by Kathleen A. Demasi, Twisted Ride has stepped it up while stretching out each race since finishing third in his debut going six and a half furlongs at Parx in January. In February he led throughout to score by four and a half-lengths.



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Bred by Kasey K Racing Stable and owned by his breeder in partnership with Michael R. Day and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC, Twisted Ride is a son of Great Notion out of multiple stakes-placed Pennsylvania-bred Diva’s Gold (by Tenpins) and a full brother to stakes winner Goodonehoney. Diva’s Gold was claimed by Kasey K Racing for \$15,000 off a win in August 2010 at Monmouth and went on to place in five stakes and earn more than half of her career earnings of \$389,790. Her four foals to race are all winners; she is also the dam of yearling Golden Lad filly and was bred back to that stallion. ■

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

[QUEEN S, TP, \\$87,800, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 3-19.](#)

Won - CARAVEL

m, 5, Mizzen Mast–Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. (\$500,000 2021 FTKNOV). O-Qatar Racing and Marc Detampel, B-Elizabeth M. Merryman (PA), T-Brad H. Cox, J-Gerardo Corrales, \$48,608.

Over the past year, Caravel has been on quite a journey. The daughter of Mizzen Mast was a winning machine for her breeder/owner/trainer Liz Merryman, was named 2020 Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly, and made headlines last summer when Merryman sold three-quarters of her multiple stakes winner to famed chef Bobby Flay. In Caravel's first start under the new ownership, she captured Saratoga's Grade 3 Caress Stakes.

Transferred to 2022 Hall of Fame finalist Graham Motion, Caravel shipped to Canada to tackle males in the Grade 1 Highlander Stakes last August and ran a tough third after posting the early fractions. The goal was the Breeders' Cup and the gray filly made the trip to Del Mar to contest the Turf Sprint, but after racing forwardly, she wound up finishing last of 12.

Three days later, Caravel was in the sales ring in Lexington, Ky., and sold for \$500,000 as a racing or broodmare prospect at Fasig-Tipton's star-studded The November Sale to agent Fergus Galvin.

Back on the worktab in February at Keeneland out of the barn of the Eclipse Award-winning outstanding trainer the past two years, Brad Cox, Caravel made her first start of her 5-year-old season in Turfway Park's Queen Stakes on March 19.

Now racing for Qatar Racing and Marc Detampel and making only her third start on the main track, Caravel didn't disappoint. Speeding to the front out of the gate, she set fractions of :22.39, :45.16 and :57.15, pulled away in the stretch and won easily by three and a half lengths while completing six furlongs in 1:09.56 as the even-money favorite. The victory was



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her eighth in 13 career starts and pushed her earnings to \$448,777.

Three of her six stakes wins have been on the all-weather track – two at Presque Isle (Lady Erie and Malvern Rose) and her recent Turfway score. The other three stakes wins were on the turf, at Pimlico (The Very One), Monmouth Park (Goldwood) and Saratoga (Caress).

Caravel is the first foal, and first of two stakes winners, for her dam Zeezee Zoomzoom (by Congrats), who is also the dam of Witty (see article on page 4). Both stakes winners are finalists for 2021 PA-Bred championship honors: Caravel for Horse of the Year, older female, female sprinter and turf female, and Witty for 2-year-old male. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

WASHINGTON CROSSING S, PRX, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 1M 70Y, 3-7.

2nd - Dreams Untold

g, 5, Smarty Jones–Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew.
O-Someday Farm, B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA), \$18,800.

3rd - Splicethemainbrace

h, 6, Poseidon's Warrior–Aunt Bobby, by Ecclesiastic.
O-LC Racing and Wellesley Stable, B-Swilcan Stables LLC (PA), \$9,400.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE S, PRX, \$100,000, 3YO, 6F, 3-8.

2nd - Cuneo

c, 3, Peace and Justice–Magsamelia, by Mineshaft.
O-S D Trading, B-A1A Racing (PA), \$18,800.

FISHTOWN S, PRX, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 3-7.

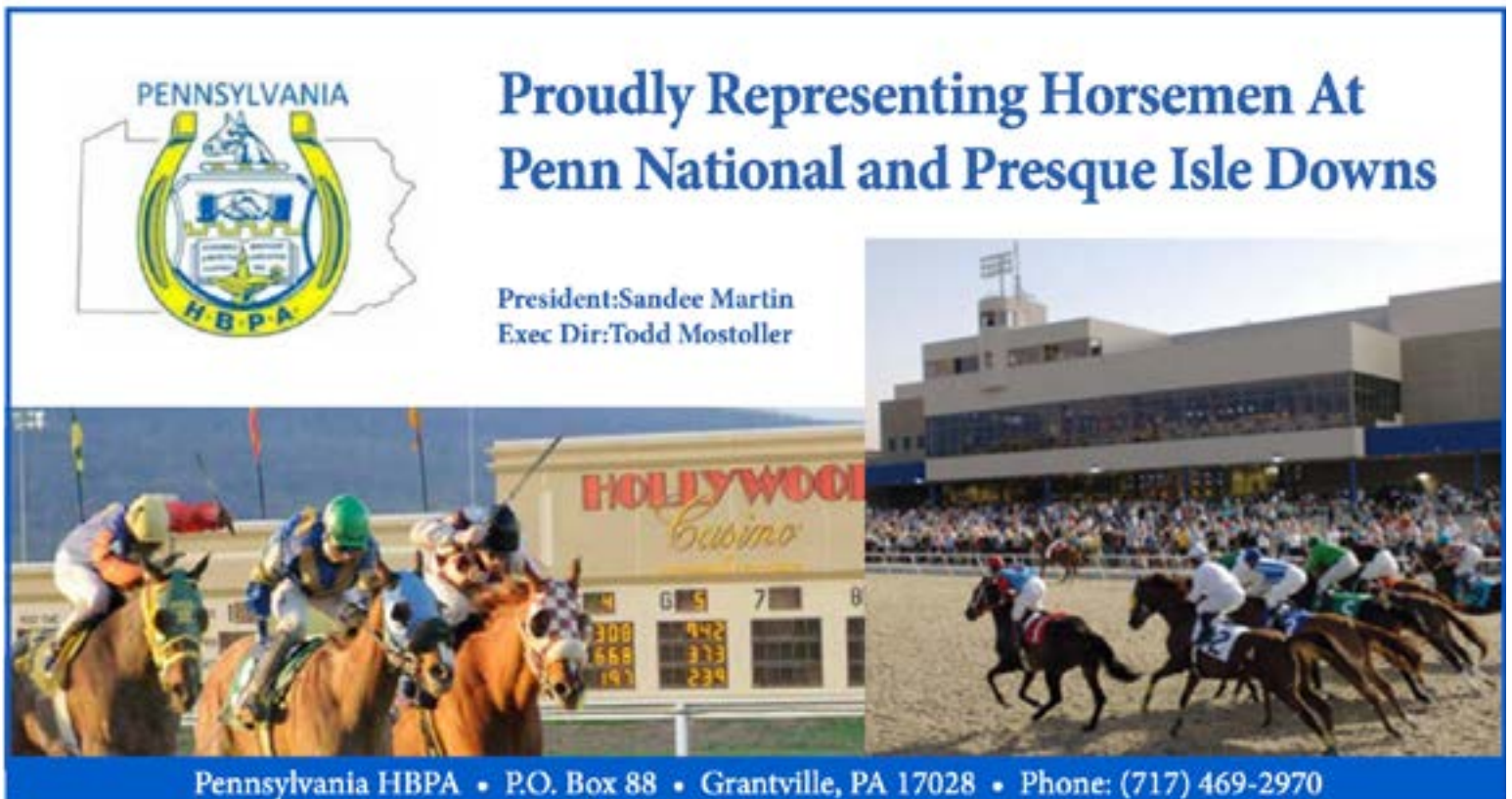
3rd - Uncle Ernie

g, 4, Talent Search–Mary Cole, by Broken Vow.
O/B-Gilman Hallenbeck (PA), \$9,200.


SOCIETY HILL S., PRX, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6F, 3-8.

3rd - Disco Ebo

f, 3, Weigelia–Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. (\$52,000 '20 FTM YRL). O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC,
B-St Omer's Farm (PA), \$10,000.





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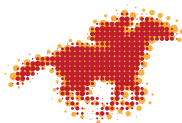


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