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Just One Time brings the excitement

A FARM FAVORITE TURNED STAKES WINNER

by Emily Shields

In the weeks leading up to a race, Donny Brown has trouble containing his excitement. And if he wins? Cue more weeks of overflowing thrill.

Thanks to Just One Time, Brown is currently riding a high. The Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Not This Time—Ida Clark, by Speightstown, won the Grade 2, \$200,000 Inside Information Stakes at Gulfstream Park on Jan. 29, defeating a strong field by three-quarters of a length as the 3-2 favorite. She now sports a record of five wins in six starts, including three stakes.

Brown's Warriors Reward LLC has had several solid runners including multiple allowance winner Proposition and the remarkably consistent Littlebitally. But from the day she was born, it was clear Just One Time was a cut above the rest.

"She was a farm favorite as a baby," Brown said. "We had high hopes for her going into training."

The "we" in question includes Tom McClay, Brown's racing partner. Together they bought Warrior's Reward, a Grade 1-winning son of Medaglia d'Oro, and brought him to stand in Pennsylvania at WynOaks Farm. Just One Time is just the next big thing the duo have going, along with some 24 broodmares. Missing among them is Just One Time's dam Ida Clark.

"We were happy with the foal we got, so we sold the mare," Brown said of Ida Clark. "She had developed commercial value so we let her go



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through the auction ring so we could get a new mare. In hindsight, it was a bad move."

Ida Clark cost the partners \$45,000 when they bought her in foal to Not This Time in 2017. Six months later, her first foal, the More Than Ready gelding Black Stetson, won a listed stakes race at Aqueduct, with Just One Time hitting the ground two weeks earlier. Ida Clark got in foal to Outwork and was sold for \$60,000 only 13 months after Brown and McClay bought her.

The sting of her loss is eased by the success of Just One Time. "She went in with our regular trainer Mike Salvaggio at Penn National, and he informed us that she could run a little bit," Brown said.

He recalled when a rival trainer first noticed Just One Time on the track, and called to sing the filly's praises. "The people that watched her could sense it," Brown said. "She has always been on everybody's radar."

"[Salvaggio] took his time with her and did

everything right,” he continued. “Instead of coming right out as an early 2-year-old he let her mature and develop. But even in those early morning gallops and breezes we had an idea that she’d be a good runner.”

Run she did. Just One Time reached the races at the age of 3 and broke her maiden in her Penn National debut last May 14, scoring by a half-length after vying for the lead throughout. In start number two, she added the \$102,695 Malvern Rose Stakes on the synthetic surface at Presque Isle Downs in July, rolling home four-and-a-quarter lengths in front.

“She can be a little sharp,” Brown said. The filly’s enthusiasm was her undoing in her third start, the \$75,400 Lady Erie Stakes in August. Under jockey Angel Rodriguez, she dueled for the lead through fractions of :21.60 and :43.96 before fading to seventh in the lone loss of her career.

“Angel said she was too motored up,” Brown explained. “She wanted the lead even though they were going so fast. She used herself up early.”

Just One Time hasn’t been beaten since. She took an allowance race on a sloppy track by six-and-a-quarter lengths on Sept. 22 before returning to stakes company to win the \$121,295 New Start Stakes by nearly that same amount. Her speed and obvious talent drew the eye of Todd Mostoller, who bought in with his Commonwealth New Era Racing.

“He approached us wanting to buy her,” Brown recalled. “His syndicate has a good group of guys.”

Just One Time made another move, too, out of Pennsylvania and into the barn of top trainer Brad Cox. After training at the Fair Grounds, Just One Time shipped into Gulfstream Park in Florida for the Inside Information Stakes.

After acting up in the gate, Just One Time broke behind her usual speed, ran seventh early, ended up reeling in the field and won by three-quarters of a length under Joel Rosario. She ran the seven furlongs in 1:23.81.

“The phone’s been ringing a little bit,” Brown said, “but we’re going to keep going to the races with her.”

Just One Time has returned to the Fair Grounds and is pointing for graded competition at Keeneland this spring, possibly in the Grade 1 Madison, worth \$500,000 to be run April 9 at seven furlongs.

“Everyone around her always knew she could run,” said Brown. Just One Time proved it on a major stage as the Inside Information came on the Pegasus World Cup-G1 undercard.

It’s possible that Brown will have enough down time between starts that his excitement level will return to normal before revving up again. But with nearly two dozen mares in foal to Warrior’s Reward—and another expected to drop a Not This Time in March—Brown has plenty to keep his meter high. “We are really hoping that the Warrior’s Rewards run well this year, because not only does he have the bulk of his foals born in Pennsylvania but he also covered mares from six other states,” he said. “He’s our number one favorite, but Not This Time is number two.”

As the sire of Just One Time, Not This Time’s importance to Brown checks out!

A few words from the Executive Secretary

If you haven’t already heard, our new 2YO PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series is the talk of the Mid-Atlantic region. Interested in nominating your 2YO? We’ve made it easy! It’s FREE! Just call into the racing office at PARX by the early nomination deadline for PA Day at the Races.

The series will begin this year and consist of stakes races just for PA-Sired, PA-Bred colts and fillies. So, if you currently have a 2YO, make plans to shoot for the series beginning on Aug. 22 at Parx on PA Day at the Races, with two stakes, one for 2YO’s and one for 2YO fillies with purses of \$100,000. The second leg of the series will be held Sept. 24 at Parx on PA Derby Day, with two stakes, one for 2YO’s and one for 2YO fillies with purses of \$200,000! More info is available on pabred.com. This series is just another addition to what is already the best breeding program in the country.

Recently we made another donation of \$150,000 to New Bolton Center for equine biomarker research. We are on the forefront of breeding organizations donating to this cutting-edge research. The teams at New Bolton Center are making great strides, and we look forward to what it means for the future of the industry.

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.

We’re getting back together live after two years off for our annual awards banquet honoring the champions of 2021 which will be held May 13 at The Inn at Mendenhall, located on Kennett Pike in Chadds Ford. Our guest speaker this year will be the Triple Crown-winning jockey of Affirmed, Steve Cauthen!! Don’t

miss it. Members should be receiving an email invitation. Be sure to RSVP and buy your tickets online.

PA foals of 2022 have started to arrive! Send us your foal photos with lineage, foaling date and location to be included in the 2022 Foal Gallery on the website and be featured on our social media accounts. Email photos and information to pabreeder@pabred.com.

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PA Horse Breeders donate \$150,000 to Penn Vet New Bolton Center for Biomarker, Blood Doping Research

In March, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) presented a \$150,000 donation to the Equine Pharmacology Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's (Penn Vet) New Bolton Center that will support continued revolutionary research in equine biomarkers.

The new round of PHBA funding—which will expand on the cutting-edge research that the PHBA helped to fund in 2018—will bolster three

key research initiatives focused on improving the health and safety of equine athletes and enhancing integrity in racing. One area of research seeks to identify novel mRNA biomarkers that can help proactively predict if a horse is at risk for injury, even for injuries that are difficult or impossible to detect using conventional methods. Ultimately, researchers hope to develop a rapid stall-side blood test that could be administered prior to a race, helping racing officials accurately detect horses that may be at an elevated risk.

The funding will also support Penn Vet's sample collection for continued development of an Equine Biological Passport through the expansion of the Equine Pharmacology Laboratory's BioBank. Samples from the BioBank are analyzed to determine baseline levels of blood-based biomarkers found in racehorses. Once established, these baseline levels can be used to determine if blood samples taken from a horse pre- or post-race show any variations from baseline indicative of illness, injury or prohibited substances.



"The PHBA is very proud to continue its partnership with Penn Vet by providing an additional grant of \$150,000 to fund this incredibly important and timely research program," said Deanna Manfredi, PhD, a member of the PHBA's Board of Directors. "This research program has the potential to have a very positive impact on the sport we all love and ensure its continued success through advances in preventing breakdowns, promoting equine health, and enhancing racing integrity."

"Studies are ongoing to develop an Equine Biological Passport using a variety of biomarkers," said Dr. Mary Robinson, Director of the Equine Pharmacology Laboratory at New Bolton Center. "For example, we now have potential protein and mRNA biomarkers of extracorporeal shockwave therapy that are being investigated using our Equine Biobank samples. This work would not have been possible without the support of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, who have provided the funding to expand and maintain the Equine Biobank, and the support of the

Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission for my laboratory."

"I'm proud to see the continued collaboration between the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and New Bolton Center. This partnership promotes integrity and safety in the horse racing industry," said State Representative Christina Sappey, who represents the 158th State House District. "The highly advanced research developed by Penn Vet's New Bolton Center is critically important to protect equine athletes, and PHBA's generous support makes this possible. We're fortunate to have both of these organizations that benefit all Pennsylvanians here in the 158th!"

In addition to the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's support, Penn Vet's New Bolton Center is also seeking additional funding to further expand and accelerate this research program. Individuals or organizations who would like to support the program through a financial donation are encouraged to contact Margaret Leardi, Director of Development for New Bolton Center, at mleardi@vet.upenn.edu.

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