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Chub Wagon, photo by Averie Levanti



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I'd like to thank the HBPA Board and Executive Director Todd Mostoller for working with us on an agreement to move the Owner Bonus at Penn National to 30%. That's a 50% increase from the current 20%. This is just another addition to the PA-Bred program and there's more to come. We're committed to keeping Pa breeding and racing the best in the country!

PA Day at the Races on August 22 is just about set to go. Seven PA-Bred Stakes and over a million in purses. Our new 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series will kick off that day. We had 40+ nominated in the 2yo race and over 30 for the filly stakes. If you didn't nominate yet, take advantage of late noms which close on August 2. We'll also have gifts for all, prize drawings and a great lunch. Thanks to the NTRA for donating another John Deere Gator this year. You can buy tickets on line or at the door. Details are found in this edition of the Thoroughbred Report. Make sure you call to reserve as seating is limited.

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The online registration system is up and running and classes will be held soon via zoom. Transition to the new registration and membership system will take place over the next 6 to 8 months. Many of our breeders are already taking advantage of the system, so give it a whirl on your next registration or membership renewal.

PA is the only place to Breed and Race! You ain't seen nothing yet! Go PA!



Brian Sanfratello
Executive Secretary

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by Emily Shields

William Stein didn't start with Thoroughbreds, but he got there in the end.

The longtime breeder, whose age is north of 90, started out in the Quarter Horse business. A talented stakes-winning Thoroughbred colt named Ed's Pride, who had once been under consideration for the 1952 Kentucky Derby, came up for sale in a dispersal and Stein started mixing him with his Quarter Horse mares. One of those was the 1969 mare Dunnromin's Gal.

Sound familiar? It should: Dunnromin Farm is an equestrian center in Ottsville, Pa., about 30 miles north of Parx. It is where

Stein's daughter Jess runs a riding and boarding business, and where the elder Stein keeps his lone broodmare, Great Drive.

The Thoroughbred business was always a pipe dream to Stein, who started shoeing horses at age 16, primarily at fair grounds and bush-league tracks, and didn't quit until he turned 80. "My mother-in-law was always crazy about wanting to have a Thoroughbred to race, but she was in a position where she couldn't afford to buy a good horse and race it too. Then whenever I got a horse that looked like it was good enough to race, I would give it to someone else to run or sell it. I raced Quarter Horses but never Thoroughbreds because I just couldn't afford it with raising three kids, buying a farm, and paying a mortgage."

Stein got acquainted with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders

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Association Board of Directors member Tom Charles, who stood a pair of stallions in Discretion and It's Good. "I ran his breeding program for him," Stein said. "The first year we bred It's Good, I bred 47 mares with him and he got 44 in foal. He had maybe one or two stakes horses but several good allowance horses."

Stein also became good friends with Shirley Lojeski and remains such to this day. "She had a stud, Tekken, and sometimes her stallion guy would disappear on her so I would handle the horse," Stein said. "I still go up there and have lunch with her and (husband) Tom (Treadway) once a month."

Lojeski had nothing but rave reviews for Stein, who no longer shoes horses or handles the studs but still knows equines inside and out. "He's one of a kind," she said. "They don't make them like him anymore. He used to trim my horses' feet, and back in those days we used to trim them in the field. We had a young horse once who wouldn't stand still and (Stein) ended up trimming him on his hands and knees and never complained about it. Just a kind, kind person."

Lojeski has given Stein numerous horses over the years to be used at the riding school. "We were in the hack (riding) business first," Stein said. "We were the buyers for the YMCA and Girl Scouts summer camp programs, and people would call me and say, 'I've got this horse, do you want them?' But you can't take them all or you will get horse poor."

Now, some of the horses Stein takes are Lojeski's retired Thoroughbreds. "These are geldings that don't want to run anymore," Stein said. "My daughter uses them."

Another post racing success story was Servis Me Not, a son of Five Star Day purchased by Patricia Chapman of Smarty Jones fame for \$105,000. The horse only ran once and trainer John Servis declared him one of the hardest horses he had ever had to train. Under the Stein tutelage, Servis Me Not won a hunter class. "John couldn't believe it," Stein said.

Servis – the trainer – also trained Great Drive. The Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Great Notion ran six times with three wins, a second, and two thirds. Stein bred her very first foal, Gussie's Notion, by Talent Search. "We broke her but didn't start her as a 2-year-old because we don't like to run 2-year-olds," he said.

The mare was later given to Lydee Shea, daughter of trainer Tim Shea. "We sat down and made a contract with Lydee where she takes the horse and pays the expenses."

Gussie's Notion, a 5-year-old bay mare, debuted at Penn National on Jan. 28, running third in maiden special weight company. She then won a \$30,352 maiden special over the same course on April 6, scoring by one and three-quarters lengths against open company as a heavy favorite.

"She paid me alright!" Stein said of owner Lydee. Gussie's Notion has earned \$23,089 in three starts.

"I've slowed down quite a bit," Stein said. But he still loves to go to the races. "We'll go down when the Pennsylvania Breeders put on a big deal luncheon, that's a good time," he said.

Countless horses have come and gone over the 70 years that Stein has been involved, but he still remembers most. "I've had a lot of horses I've liked and a lot I've had fun with, starting with Ed's Pride all the way to the mare I have now," he said. "I like when horses I sell turn out to be good show horses. I like when horses that are broken at the farm go out; we had some in Jersey last week that had never seen cows before, and everyone was raving about how well trained they were. We broke them right here."

"I don't know anything mean or bad about him after all these years," Lojeski said. "He's as honest as the day is long, he's fair, and he's somebody you can trust. ■"

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PENNSYLVANIA STALLION SERIES LAUNCHES IN 2022

by Averie Levanti

For the first time this year, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) will be debuting its new Pennsylvania Stallion Series for Pennsylvania-sired, Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-olds. Four races, run in sets of two, will initially be run this year, with the goal to expand to a total of six races in 2023.

Premiering at Pennsylvania's Day at the Races on Aug. 22 at Parx Racing, the \$100,000 Whistle Pig Stakes (2yo) and \$100,000 Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes (2yo fillies) will be run at five-and-a-half furlongs on the main track. To conclude this year's series, the \$200,000 Prince Lucky Stakes (2yo) and \$200,000 Imply Stakes (2yo fillies) will grace the Sept. 24 Pennsylvania Derby Day card at six-and-a-half furlongs.

To support the launch in its first year, there was no series specific nomination phase. Instead, early nominations via the racing office are free for each race. Late nominations will still sport the usual \$500 late nomination fee. The early nomination phase closed on July 11 for the initial set of races, and a total of 71 2-year-olds passed through the nomination box. Forty nominated to the Whistle Pig, while 31 are listed for the Miss Blue Tye Dye. Late nominations for these contests will close on Tuesday, Aug. 2, with supplemental nominations of \$1,500 available through entry.

Early nominations for the second set of races will close on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Next year's expanded series will feature an overall series nomination fee. Details concerning next year's races will be announced shortly.

In addition to the 40% breeder award bonus for PA-sired PA-breds, there will be a \$50,000 trainer bonus awarded to the



leading trainer across the four races. Horses will accumulate points when finishing first, second or third in each of the races. The top three trainers with the most points will be awarded \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. Any ties will be split.

PHBA's Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello had the chance to speak with some of the local Parx Racing trainers about the Pennsylvania Stallion Series.

"I think it's a great opportunity to promote the Pennsylvania stallions," said trainer Ed Coletti Jr. "It's going to be a good step in the right direction to help our program."

"Most of my [clients] breed in Pennsylvania, and they do go to Pennsylvania stallions, so I do think we're going to have a lot of fun between this year and next year getting the 2-year-olds ready for those races. It gives even more incentive to go to the sales and look for PA stallions. It's great."

Scott Lake added, "I have a few guys like Joe Besecker who are always looking for PA-breds and PA-sires. [Joe] Besecker just

bought an Uptowncharlybrown filly that we actually really like. She's doing really well."

"I have a couple owners who are pretty excited [about the series]. We have a couple homebreds that are PA-sired, and we actually bought one or two at the sale with the influence on us that we'll get to go to these races," said trainer John Servis, "It's even better [that the series will expand to six races next year]."

"We're really excited about it," said Kate Demasi, "Can't wait to hopefully have someone run in it too. We've got a couple horses that we're hoping will be ready in time, you've got to have all the starts in line, but I think it's a great idea, it's a great program, really excited to get these stallions showcased out there. Really looking forward to it."

The PHBA would like to thank Parx Director of Racing David Osojnak for supporting the Pennsylvania Stallion Series by

featuring the return of Parx's early spring two-furlong dashes for 2-year-olds. This has provided the opportunity for our horses to better prepare for the Stallion Series.

For any other information regarding the Pennsylvania Stallion Series, please contact PHBA's office at 610-444-1050, or visit pabred.com/2-year-old-pa-sired-pa-bred-stallion-series/.

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COMPLETED RACES

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	\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES 1 st - Cinnabunny 2 nd - Ninetypercentbrynn 3 rd - Wildcat Cartridge	3 & up, f&m, 7 furlongs
Friday, June 3rd PENN NATIONAL	\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES 1 st - Nimitz Class 2 nd - Uncle Buddy 3 rd - Center Mid Maddie	3YO, 6 furlongs
	\$100,000 NEW START STAKES 1 st - Bazinga C 2 nd - Golden Tabby 3 rd - New Hire	3YO Fillies, 6 furlongs
	\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES 1 st - Maldives Model 2 nd - Love in the Air 3 rd - Wildcat Cartridge	3 & up, f&m, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf
	\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES 1 st - Buy Land and See 2 nd - Lacco Ameno 3 rd - You Must Chill	3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf
Monday, June 27th PARX	\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES 1 st - Undercover Kitty 2 nd - Loose Ends 3 rd - Epic Luck	3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (off turf)
	\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES 1 st - Chub Wagon 2 nd - Hey Mamaluke 3 rd - Castilleja	3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs (off turf)

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PA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

COMPLETED/UPCOMING RACES

Monday, July 18 th PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES 1 st - Roses for Debra 2 nd - You Look Cold 3 rd - New Hire	3YO fillies, 6½ furlongs
Monday, July 25 th PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES 1 st - Tactical Pajamas 2 nd - Midnight Obsession 3 rd - Maldives Model	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile, 70 yards
Tuesday, July 26 th PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES 1 st - Nice Ace 2 nd - Wait for It 3 rd - Newstome	3 & up, 1 mile, 70 yards
PA DAY AT THE RACES Monday, August 22 nd PARX	\$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, 1¼ miles, turf
	\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
	\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEM. STAKES	3YO, f&m, 6 furlongs
	<u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS</u> \$100,000 WHISTLE PIG STAKES	2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5½ furlongs
	\$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES	2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Bred, 5½ furlongs
Saturday, Sep. 24 th PARX	\$200,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP \$200,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES	3 & up, 1¼, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards

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PA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

UPCOMING RACES(CONTINUED)

Saturday, Sep. 24 th	<u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS</u> \$200,000 PRINCE LUCKY STAKES	2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6½ furlongs
PARX	\$200,000 IMPLY STAKES	2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6½ furlongs
Tuesday, Oct. 18 th	<u>3 & UP PA-SIRED PA-BREDS</u> \$100,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds 7 furlongs
PARX		
Monday, Oct. 24 th	\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
Presque Isle Downs		
Tuesday, Oct. 25 th	\$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES	2YO, 6 furlongs
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS		
Friday, Nov. 25 th	\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
Penn National		
Tuesday, Nov. 29 th	\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
PARX		



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Trainer John Servis on the PA Stallion Series



John Servis gives his thoughts on the new 2-year-old Pennsylvania Stallion Series, debuting in 2022.

Trainer Ed Coletti Jr. on the PA Stallion Series



Ed Coletti Jr. gives his thoughts on the new 2-year-old Pennsylvania Stallion Series, debuting in 2022.



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2022 July Sale

HIP: 1

Year of Birth: 01/19/2021

Sire: Yoshida (JPN)

Dam: Garnet Crystals

Sire of Dam: Lion Heart

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC.

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

Purchaser: Not Sold

Price: \$65,000

Color: GRR

Sex: C

HIP: 58

Year of Birth: 03/07/2021

Sire: Vino Rosso

Dam: What Am I Gonna Do

Sire of Dam: Partner's Hero

Breeder: Steve Long & Jane Long

Property Line: Summerfield (Francis & Barbara Vanlangendonck) Agent

Purchaser: Not Sold

Price: \$110,000

Color: CH

Sex: F

HIP: 93

Year of Birth: 03/26/2021

Sire: Collected

Dam: Giddy Up

Sire of Dam: High Cotton

Breeder: Forgotten Land Investments Inc.

Property Line: Bluewater Sales LLC Agent XI

Purchaser: Iona Robinson

Price: \$110,000

Color: DKB

Sex: C

**HIP:
106**

Year of Birth: 02/22/2021

Sire: Hard Spun

Dam: Imply

Sire of Dam: E Dubai

Breeder: Barlar LLC

Property Line: Bluewater Sales LLC Agent XI

Purchaser: Not Sold

Price: \$295,000

Color: CH

Sex: C

2022 July Sale

HIP:
171

Year of Birth: 03/28/2021

Sire: Malibu Moon

Dam: Shabby Chic

Sire of Dam: Union Rags

Purchaser: Brick City
Thoroughbreds

Price: \$70,000

Color: CH

Breeder: Whysper Wind Farm LLC

Sex: F

Property Line: Nicky Drion Thoroughbred Sales Agent

HIP:
241

Year of Birth: 04/15/2021

Sire: Collected

Dam: Armony's Angel

Sire of Dam: To Honor and Serve

Purchaser: Kenneth R. Kachel

Price: \$23,000

Color: CH

Breeder: Forgotten Land Investments Inc.

Sex: C

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVI

2022 July Sale Results

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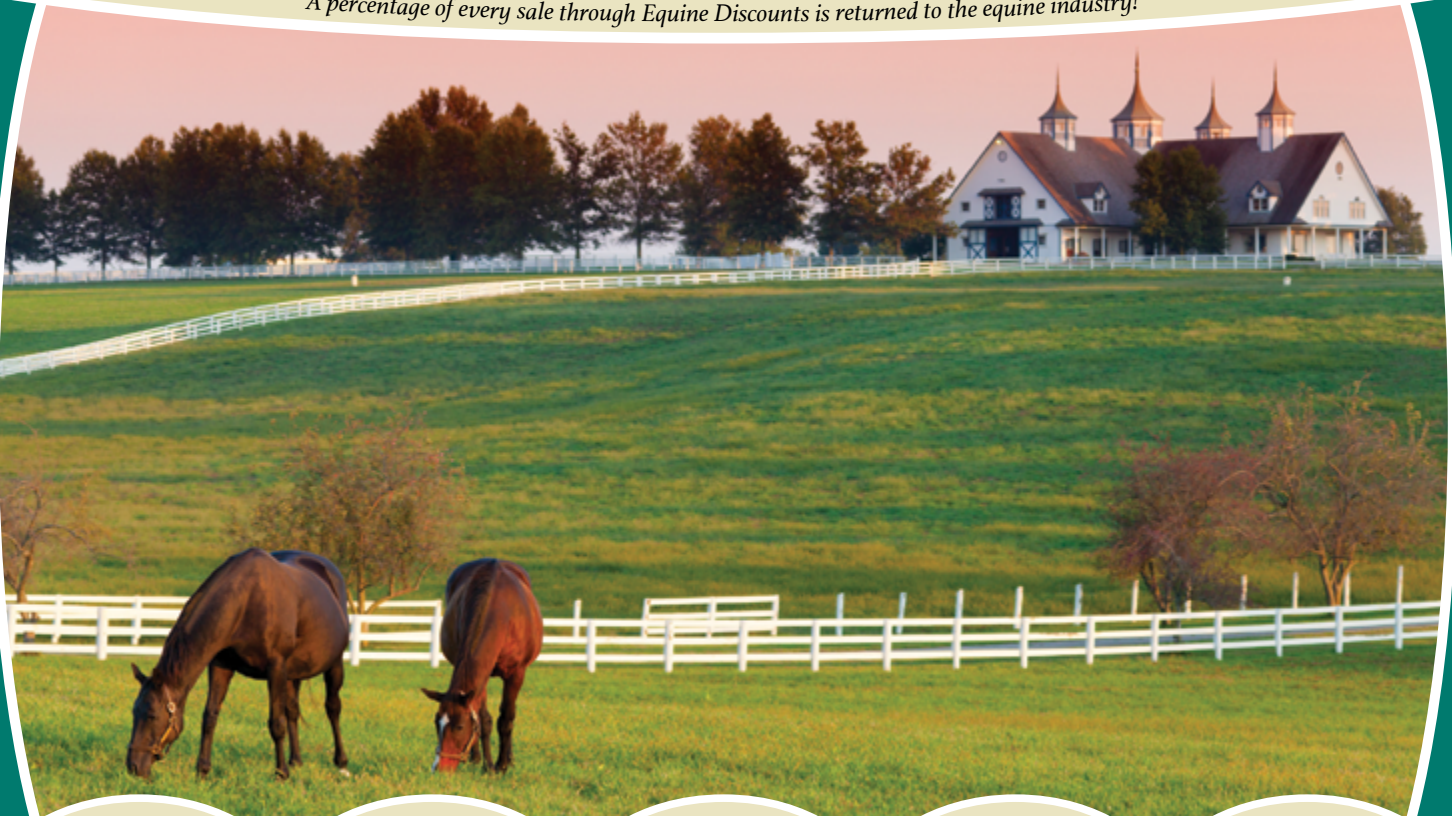
	SOLD	TOTAL	AVERAGE	NOT SOLD	MEDIAN
7/12/22	3	\$203,000	\$67,667	3	\$70,000
TOTALS	3	\$203,000	\$67,667	3	\$70,000

Total Results

	SOLD	TOTAL	AVERAGE	NOT SOLD	MEDIAN
7/12/22	189	\$21,763,500	\$115,151	59	\$90,000
TOTALS	189	\$21,763,500	\$115,151	59	\$90,000

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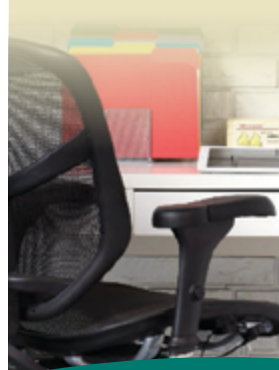
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2022 Saratoga Sale

HIP: 14

Year of Birth: 04/21/2021

Sire: More Than Ready

Dam: Lucky Draw

Sire of Dam: Lookin At Lucky

Color: DKB

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: C

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

HIP: 44

Year of Birth: 03/28/2021

Sire: Medaglia d'Oro

Dam: Perfect Note

Sire of Dam: Elusive Quality

Color: DKB

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC, Dr. William Hess, Godolphin

Sex: C

Property Line: Warrendale Sales Agent I

HIP: 59

Year of Birth: 04/02/2021

Sire: Bernardini

Dam: Rhys

Sire of Dam: Storm Cat

Color: B

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: F

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

HIP: 78

Year of Birth: 02/27/2021

Sire: Justify

Dam: Slews Golden Rule

Sire of Dam: Langfuhr

Color: CH

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: C

Property Line: Warrendale Sales Agent IV

2022 Saratoga Sale

HIP: 82

Year of Birth: 04/02/2021

Sire: Gun Runner

Dam: Sororitysweetheart

Sire of Dam: Discreetly Mine

Color: B

Breeder: Forgotten Land Investments Inc.

Sex: F

Property Line: Hunter Valley Farm Agent

HIP:
100

Year of Birth: 03/20/2021

Sire: Gun Runner

Dam: Sweet Promises

Sire of Dam: Bernardini

Color: CH

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: F

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

HIP:
105

Year of Birth: 03/27/2021

Sire: Arrogate

Dam: Too Much Malibu

Sire of Dam: Malibu Moon

Color: GRR

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: F

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

HIP: 163

Year of Birth: 04/04/2021

Sire: Mendelssohn

Dam: Crown Royal Queen

Sire of Dam: Tale of the Cat

Color: B

Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

Sex: C

Property Line: Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent LXXVII

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

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O-St Omer's Farm and Christopher J. Feifarek,
B-Susan C. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek (PA),
T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Frankie Pennington, \$82,500.

Seeking his first win of the year, Susan Quick and Christopher Feifarek's homebred Beren battled graded stakes winners Special Reserve and Wondrwherecraigis early and drew away down the stretch to win the \$150,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash at Laurel Park on July 16 by two and three-quarter lengths. His final time for the six furlongs was 1:09.66 over a track turned muddy following a mid-afternoon thunderstorm.

Last year's PA-Bred champion 3-year-old male and champion male sprinter, Beren last visited the winner's circle after the Danzig Stakes at Penn National in October. In between his two most recent stakes victories he was second three consecutive times – the Steel Valley Sprint at Mahoning Valley to wrap up his 3-year-old season, the Page McKenney Handicap at Parx in his seasonal debut in April, and the Chocolate Town at Penn National in June.

The Chocolate Town and De Francis Dash are the second and third legs to the MATCH Series (Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships) 3-year-old & up Sprint - Dirt Division. With his victory, Beren moved to the top of the division with two races to go (the \$150,000 Chesapeake at Colonial Downs on Aug. 16 and the \$100,000 Liberty Bell at Parx Racing on Oct. 3).

After his career debut in September 2020, Beren was machine-like, making at least one start every month from November 2020 through November 2021. Racing exclusively in stakes since April 2021, he was a five-time stakes winner at 3 and earned \$469,790 for the season. Adding \$125,450 in three starts to date this year, his career earnings stand at \$609,420, with a record of eight wins and five seconds in 18 starts.



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Winning trainer Robert E. 'Butch' Reid Jr. was confident sending Beren out for his first start at Laurel. "He came into the race great," said Reid. "We wouldn't be here if he were any other way, and he's a game horse. All you have to do is point him in the right direction and get out of his way."

The 4-year-old son of WynOaks Farm sire Weigelia went off the 6-1 third choice in the field of eight for the De Francis Dash. Frankie Pennington settled him between the favorites, pacesetter Special Reserve (who last ran in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1) to his inside and Wondrwherecraigis (returning after running in the Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1 in March) to his outside, as the trio zoomed through an opening quarter in :22.10. Beren had the lead at the half-mile mark in :44.78 and started to pull away. Wondrwherecraigis made a run but never got close.

Reid said of the competition: "We caught them both off layoffs, so that's the right time to run against them, I guess." But the trainer added that the son of millionaire racemare Silmaril "doesn't have to prove anything. He owes us nothing. He's a very tough runner. I wish they were all like him."

"He's a total class act. He ships perfectly and stood in the paddock perfectly today. Nothing bothers this horse." ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

**PRINCESS OF SYLMAR S, PID, \$100,000, 3&UP,
F/M, 1M&70Y, 7-25.**

Won - TACTICAL PAJAMAS

f, 4, Uncle Lino - Salishan, by Banker's Gold.
O-James E. Hess, B-Vicky Schowe & Kemal Erkan (PA),
T-Ron G. Potts, J-Huber Villa-Gomez, \$59,400.

2nd - Midnight Obsession

f, 4, Overanalyze - Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image.
O-Main Line Racing Stable,
B-Four Bucks Racing (PA), \$19,800.

3rd - Maldives Model

f, 4, Petionville - Tahitian Pearl, by El Prado (Ire).
O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), \$10,890.

If Tactical Pajamas has a home track, it's Presque Isle Downs. Eleven of her 17 career starts have been at the Erie oval; six of her seven wins have come there. And now she has her first stakes win after leading at every pole in the Princess of Sylmar on July 25 and crossing the line one and three-quarters lengths in front.

Facing five other PA-Bred fillies and mares, Tactical Pajamas was sent off as favorite over recent Lyphard Stakes winner Maldives Model and multiple graded stakes-placed Midnight Obsession. Posting modest fractions of :24.58, :48.14, 1:12.25 and 1:37.10, she held off a threat by Midnight Obsession and stopped the clock in 1:41.12 for the mile and 70 yards over the all-weather track.

A 4-year-old daughter of Uncle Lino bred by Vicky Schowe and Kemal Erkan, Tactical Pajamas has raced for James E. Hess her entire career. Out of the barn of Ron Potts, she made her 2-year-old debut at Presque Isle going five furlongs in August 2020 and won by nearly two lengths.

She didn't win again until her return to Presque Isle the following summer, and 12 days later recorded her first black-type when finishing third behind Just One Time and Maldives Model in the Malvern Rose Stakes.

Her fortunes looked to be slipping as she dropped down into the claiming ranks the rest of the year. Fortunately for her connections, no one grabbed her off two claiming wins at the track that fall when risked for \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Tactical Pajamas' only other win came in allowance



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company while racing in Florida over Gulfstream Park's new Tapeta track in April. She was back at Presque Isle Downs on the second day of the current meet and finished second by a nose when caught on the wire. She led into the Princess of Sylmar with an allowance win against open company going six furlongs on June 30, finishing in 1:09.26. She now has earnings of \$218,791.

Tactical Pajamas descends from Toppenish (by You and I), her second dam who was campaigned by Madeline Locke and Vicky Schowe to four wins in 26 starts from 2000 to 2002. Toppenish produced Schowe's eight-time winner Sloane Ranger, an earner of \$540,004 and winner of the \$150,000 Donald LeVine Memorial Handicap, \$100,000 Maryland Million Sprint and \$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes as well as being graded stakes-placed. Toppenish had six named foals, including Sloane Ranger's year-old half-sister Salishan (by Banker's Gold), who got her only win from 30 starts at age 5.

Salishan has five foals, four of racing age, including eight-time winner and \$273,886-earner Aussie Mist (by Cat Thief), who started this year at age 8. Salishan has a yearling filly by Astern (Aus), didn't foal in 2022 and was bred back to Higher Power. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

MALVERN ROSE S, PID, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6.5F, 7-18.

Won - ROSES FOR DEBRA

f, 3, Liam's Map - Essential Rose, by Bernardini.
(\$120,000 2020 KEEJAN, \$25,000 2020 KEESEP)
O-John O'Meara, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA),
T-Michelle C. Brafford, J-Walber Alencar, \$58,200.

2nd - You Look Cold

f, 3, Frosted - Lucky Draw, by Lookin At Lucky.
O-Kinsman Stable and Bruce McCrea,
B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA), \$19,400.

3rd - New Hire

f, 3, Lookin At Lucky - Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted.
O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), \$10,670.

Owner John O'Meara has seen the ups and downs with his Liam's Map 3-year-old filly Roses for Debra. Right now everything is on the rise after her sensational stakes debut in the Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle Downs on July 18.

Roses for Debra had crossed the finish line first, by daylight, in her two previous outings, but was disqualified to second in her career debut on May 23 when drifting out and bumping a rival as she dashed for home. She officially got her first win June 9 as the 1-2 favorite, scoring by five and three-quarters lengths in 1:09.05 for six furlongs.

Sent off the 4-1 third choice in the Malvern Rose behind stakes winners You Look Cold and Bazinga C, the gray filly tracked the pace early, had to wait for an opening heading into the stretch, surged between horses and drew off over You Look Cold. Bazinga C was outrun the entire trip and finished last of eight.

The final time of 1:14.87 was just .19 seconds shy of the track record set by Ami's Mesa in the 2017 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes-G2 (Ami's Mesa finished second, by a nose, in her next start in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1).

In three starts in less than two months, Roses for Debra has earned \$83,800.

It was a breeder's exacta in the Malvern Rose as Blackstone Farm LLC bred the top two finishers. Roses for Debra is out of the Bernardini mare Essential Rose,



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purchased by Blackstone for \$32,000 in November 2015 in foal to Lookin At Lucky. The mare's first foal, a weanling at the time, was future stakes winner Rose's Vision.

Roses for Debra sold as a short yearling at Keeneland's 2020 January sale for \$120,000; when she reappeared at the Keeneland September sale, she fell far short of that price, being bought by O'Meara client Chris Drakos for \$25,000. Looking to turn their bargain yearling into a 2-year-old homerun, O'Meara told Thoroughbred Daily News, "I sent her to Florida for the 2-year-old sales and she worked in :10 flat [at OBS April] but chipped her knee. So I had to bring her home and operate on her and give her the time." She now races for O'Meara and is the first stakes winner for trainer Michelle Brafford.

Blackstone has seen the fortunes of Essential Rose rise. The mare's 2020 foal, a filly by Justify named Rosie's Alibi, sold for \$625,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale to MyRacehorse after failing to reach her reserve (\$300,000) at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed sale. Essential Rose delivered a Palace Malice filly in 2021, had an American Pharoah filly this past March, and was bred back to Gun Runner. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

HARD SPUN S, PID, \$100,000, 3&UP, 1M&70Y, 7-26.

Won - NICE ACE

g, 4, Noble Mission (GB) - A Lady With an Ace,
by First Samurai. (\$30,000 2019 FTKJUL)
O-Robert D. Bone, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA),
T-Tim Girtten, J-Pablo Morales, \$73,500.

2nd - Wait for It

g, 7, Uptowncharlybrown - Kimberley Diamond, by Posse.
O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC,
B-Fantasy Lane Stable (PA), \$24,500.

3rd - Newstome

g, 5, Goldencents - Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song.
(\$30,000 2019 FTMMAY) O-Marie F. Trombetta,
B-Equivine Farm (PA), \$13,475.

Nice Ace enjoys his stay at Presque Isle Downs. In his dozen starts at the track since August 2020, he has never been worse than second, and was especially sharp for the Hard Spun Stakes on July 26 as he searched for his first stakes win.

Sprinting to the front and rating under Pablo Morales, he set every fraction of the mile and 70 yards. He shook off a challenge from Newstome as he hit the three-quarter mark and drew away through the stretch, easily holding off two-time Hard Spun winner Wait for It while cruising under the wire a five and a half-length winner. Final time was 1:39.60, within .56 seconds of the track record, off fractions of :25.00, :49.42, 1:12.37 and 1:35.69.

Owned by Robert Bone and trained by Tim Girtten, Nice Ace upped his record to six wins (to go with six seconds) for earnings of \$243,341 from 17 starts. At 2, he won in his second start and then finished second in the Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile Stakes against open company; he was a three-time allowance winner at 3 – all at Presque Isle.



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Nice Ace is a 4-year-old gelding by Noble Mission (GB), a full-brother to the legendary Frankel, and was bred by Blackstone Farm out of homebred mare Lady With an Ace (by First Samurai). He is one of five foals of racing age for his dam, and her only winner. Nice Ace was sold for \$30,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton July Sale with South Point Sales

Nice Ace was the second Blackstone Farm-bred stakes winner at Presque Isle in eight days, following Rose for Debra's easy win of the \$100,000 Malvern Rose Stakes on July 22. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

[ALMA NORTH S, LRL, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M,
6.5F, 7-16.](#)

WON - CHUB WAGON

m, 5, Hey Chub-Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart.

O-Daniel J. Lopez and George Chestnut,

B-Joe-Dan Farm & George Chestnut (PA),

T-Guadalupe Preciado, J-Silvestre Gonzalez, \$55,000.

2nd - Kaylasaurus

m, 6, Munnings - Five Diamonds, by Flatter.

O-Bush Racing Stable, Liberty House Racing,

Black Ridge Stables LLC and George Saufley,

B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), \$20,000.



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She came, she saw, she conquered.

Making her first start at Laurel Park, Chub Wagon did what she has done at every other track she's visited – come home a winner.

In what looked to be a challenging race in the six and a half-furlong Alma North Stakes on July 16 over a sloppy track, she dismissed the early leader, group winner Cheetara (Chi), a Keeneland-based mare who won a stakes at Hawthorne in her previous start, and took over three furlongs out. When fellow PA-bred Kaylasaurus made her move, Chub Wagon kicked away in the stretch and sailed home by three lengths. After fractions of :22.41, :45.63 and 1:09.67, she stopped the clock in 1:16.03.

It was Chub Wagon's second stakes win from as many starts this year, and her 12th of 13 overall. Daniel J. Lopez and George Chestnut's 2021 PA-bred Horse of the Year boosted her earnings to \$648,600. She had previously run in Maryland at Pimlico in 2021, winning the Skipat Stakes in May and the Shine Again Stakes in June.

"You're never overconfident going into a race especially when the track gets wet like today. You never know," said winning trainer Guadalupe Preciado. "All these horses today looked like speed. When you run with all these speed horses you see who has the speed. She's coming around very nice. Hopefully she gets a little stronger."

Silvestre Gonzalez, who rode her in the Power by Far Stakes on June 27 at Parx, noted: "She was very handy. She responded well to the horse on the lead. She was very re-

laxed and wasn't keen on the bit, just settled in nicely and I had a lot of horse to finish.

"She does everything right. She's got a lot of class and she loves to run. She showed her grit today on a sloppy track. She overcame that and she ran well."

The Alma North was the third stakes in the MATCH Series (Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships) 3-Year-Old & Up Fillies and Mares Sprint - Dirt Division, rewarding Chub Wagon 10 points, but pushing Kaylasaurus to the top of the overall MATCH leaderboard with 22 points after competing in all three stakes.

Kaylasaurus won the first of the series, Laurel's Primonetta on April 23, was third in the Susquehanna Valley at Penn National on June 17, and follows with a second in the Alma North. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS CONTINUED...

DASHING BEAUTY S, DEL, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 7-9.

WON - CINNABUNNY

m, 5, Golden Lad - English Mum, by Congrats.
(\$240,000 2021 KEENOV) O-Runnymoore Racing LLC,
B-Shooting Star Stable (PA), T-Cathal A. Lynch,
J-Mychel J. Sanchez, \$60,000.

With a bounce in her step, Cinnabunny led at every call in Delaware Park's \$100,000 Dashing Beauty Stakes on July 9 to record her second stakes win in less than 11 weeks.

Runnymoore Racing's 5-year-old daughter of Golden Lad went off the third choice, at a little less than 3-1, in the eight-horse field and kept favorite Cilla at bay as she won by a half-length over the sloppy track, with nary a spot of mud on her blazed face.

The Dashing Beauty was the fifth start, all in stakes, in five months for the chestnut mare purchased last fall for \$240,000 by Caroline and Greg Bentley at the Keeneland November sale. She won the Unique Bella Stakes at Parx Racing in April and was second in the Susquehanna Valley Stakes at Penn National in June, and hasn't finished worse than fourth this year. In fact, in 17 career starts, she has only finished worse than fourth once – her records stands at eight wins, two seconds and three thirds for earnings of \$364,920.



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Bred by Michael Anspach's Shooting Star Stable, Cinnabunny is the first foal for Pennsylvania-bred mare English Mum, whom Anspach raced and won two races with in late 2014 and early 2015.

A daughter of Congrats, English Mum has a 2018 filly by Uncle Lino named Mo Mummy in training for Anspach who finished third in her maiden special weight debut on July 19 at Parx. Cinnabunny's unraced 3-year-old full-brother Windsor Gold recorded his first workout at Parx on July 28. English Mum has a yearling filly by Hoppertunity named Mummalicious, and foaled a colt by Jimmy Creed in March. She was bred back to Unified. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

[MOLLY PITCHER-G3, MTH, \\$400,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16M, 7-23.](#)

2nd - Leader of the Band

f, 4, Bandbox - Catsuit, by Sir Cat. (\$18,000 2020 EASOCT)
O-SMD Limited, B-SMD Limited (PA), \$80,000.

[STAR DE NASKRA S, LRL, \\$75,000, 3YO, 7F, 7-30.](#)

2nd - Buff Hello

c, 3, Buffum - Spanish Dream, by Sharp Humor.
(\$95,000 2021 FTMDEC; \$26,000 2020 EASOCT)
O-Euro Stable, B-Sergio Gomez (PA), \$15,000.

[DR. JAMES PENNY MEMORIAL-G3, PRX, \\$200,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 7-12.](#)

3rd - Love in the Air

f, 4, Constitution - Lovely Syn, by Freud. (\$280,000 2019 KEESEP; \$130,000 2021 FTKJUL) O-Main Line Racing Stable, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA), \$18,800.

[MISS GRACIE S, GP, \\$75,000, 3YO, F, 1 1/16M, 7-23.](#)

2nd - Miss You Ella

f, 3, Declaration of War - Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song.
(\$135,000 2020 FTMOCT) O-Wonder Stables, Madaket Stables LLC and Golconda Stable, B-Equvine Farm (PA), \$14,400.

[WOLF HILL S, MTH, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, 5.5FT, 7/23.](#)

3rd - Admiral Abe

g, 6, Midshipman - Precious Penny, by Harlan's Holiday.
O-Stefcon Racing, B-White Diamond Inc. and Five Ring Stables (PA), \$10,000.



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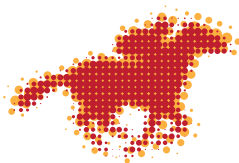


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