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# **'I Was Basically In Disbelief': Breeder Elizabeth Merryman Celebrates Caravel's Breeders' Cup Upset**

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by Maryland Jockey Club Press Office

One year after congratulating her older sister, Laurel Park-based trainer Katy Voss, on breeding a Breeders' Cup winner, Elizabeth Merryman got a turn on the receiving end. A member of one of Maryland's most prominent and successful racing families who now resides in Pennsylvania, Merryman watched with Voss from the grandstand at Keeneland as Caravel sped to a stunning 42-1 upset in the \$1 million Turf Sprint (G1).

"We were all in a big group and there was a lot of cheering and hugging going on, so we didn't see much. It was all a blur," Merryman said Sunday. "It was pretty amazing. I wish I bet on her."

Caravel broke sharp and led from start to finish in the 5 ½-furlong Turf Sprint, returning \$87.78 for her half-length decision over European shipper Emaraaty Ana. Favored Golden Pal, the defending champion, broke poorly and was never a threat in finishing 10th.

"It was incredible. When Golden Pal broke like that and then [Caravel] settled into what, for her, were relatively easy fractions, I was like, 'They're going to have trouble catching her,'" Merryman said. "I was basically in disbelief. I was just like, 'I can't believe this is going so well.'"

A 5-year-old daughter of Mizzen Mast out of the Congrats mare Zeezee Zoomzoom, Caravel made her first eight starts with Merryman as the breeder, owner and trainer. Six of those races were wins, four in stakes, including her first on the grass in the 2021 The Very One at historic Pimlico Race Course. Merryman sold a majority interest in Caravel to celebrity chef Bobby Flay following a victory in the Goldwood last June at Monmouth Park. She won the Caress (G3) at Saratoga in her first start for the partnership but went winless in three subsequent tries including a last-place finish in last year's Turf Sprint, beaten 9 ½ lengths.

"I was so excited to see her run this year in the Breeders' Cup as opposed to last year, because last year she came into it really not doing well at all and not really training well," Merryman said. "This year she just seemed like she was at the top of her game and, even though I don't own any more of her, I was so excited to see her run just because I thought she was really doing well. I was thinking the is probably way too tough and everything but I was just excited to see her compete on this stage when she's really at the top of her game. It was very cool."

Following the Breeders' Cup, Caravel fetched \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton's fall mixed sale on behalf of new owners Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Madaket Stables, who sent the mare to two-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer Brad Cox. Merryman and a new partner attended the sale with designs on purchasing Caravel, but were outbid.

This year Caravel has won five of eight

starts, all in stakes, including the Intercontinental (G3) at Belmont Park and Franklin (G3) at Keeneland in her Breeders' Cup prep. Saturday's victory pushed her over the \$1 million mark in career earnings.

"We bid on her at the sale to try to get her back and regroup her, but we didn't go high enough to buy her back," Merryman said. "I'm just really happy for the partners that have her now and the way Brad has managed her and worked to figure out her different idiosyncrasies and quirks. He's done an exceptional job of treating her as an individual even though he has such a big stable. Everything he's done with her, I can tell he treats all his horses as individuals and figures out the different things that make them tick. I just have so much respect for him as a trainer because of that. His outfit is incredible."

Zeezee Zoomzoom was in Florida when Merryman acquired her and sent the mare to her cousin, Laura McKinney, in Kentucky to be bred to turf specialist Mizzen Mast. Foaled in neighboring Oxford, Pa. by now-retired Betty Miller, Caravel was broken and raised on Merryman's farm, part of the old King's Ranch located between Coatesville and Unionville, Pa. She went unraced as a 2-year-old and was entered in a sale the fall of her 3-year-old season with Wanamaker's – the online auction company founded by Merryman's daughter, Liza Hendriks – but did not meet her \$330,000 reserve.

"My cousin saw Zeezee Zoomzoom before I did. I got her, sight unseen, and shipped her to Laura. Then I booked her to Mizzen Mast, and she sent her to me in foal," Merryman said. "[Caravel] was the only foal I had that year. When she was a yearling, I went to the yearling sales and thought I'd buy her a companion to train with her and bring along. Looking at the yearlings I thought, I just like my own yearling so much I just can't raise my hand. She's going to have to go it alone."

Merryman is the youngest of six children to the late John and Katherine 'Kitty' Merryman. The oldest is Voss, who with her late life partner Bob Manfuso bred in Maryland the 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) winner Aloha West, who was 11th in his title defense.

As a trainer, Merryman has won 158 races and more than \$5.7 million in purse earnings from 1,340 starters since 2004. Her best horse, Roadhog, ran in the Maryland Million Turf five consecutive years, winning in 2012 and 2013 and finishing second in 2015 and third in 2014.

Caravel's 2021 Caress was Merryman's first graded-stakes win as a trainer before subsequently being moved to Graham Motion, her neighbor at the Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, Md., for the duration of last year. Merryman has continued to follow Caravel's career.

"She's very talented. We always thought very highly of her. She was a beautiful baby. She was great to break. As a yearling she was just so smart and clever and a lovely mover," Merryman said. "You never think you've bred a Breeders' Cup winner, but I was pretty excited about her."

# A few words from the Executive Secretary

The 2022 Breeders Cup could not have gone better for Pennsylvania. Not only did the Elizabeth Merryman bred Caravel win the Turf Sprint against boys but she was the only non-Kentucky and non-European bred horse to win any Breeders Cup race. Caravel joined the ranks of other recent Pa-Bred greats like Shamrock Rose and Finest City. Congrats to all her connections!!

In 2023 the PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo series will be expanded and run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5 1/2 furlongs for \$100,000, 6 1/2 furlongs for \$150,000, and a flat mile for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don't forget about

the \$50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nomination forms for the 2023 series are only \$200 if paid by Dec. 31 of the participants yearling year. You can go to pabred.com under 'Featured' and print the nomination form.

Penn National Race Course, HBPA, and PHBA will be offering two introductory starter allowances with purses of \$75,000 on the Friday, Nov. 25 card. The conditions will be 3&up and 3&up F&M who have run for a tag of \$7,500 or less within the past 18 months at 6 furlongs. Based on interest level for these races, there could be the possibility of a PA-Bred Claiming Crown Day in 2023.



Please remember, for the foal crop of 2023, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) or bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. The new form is now available for use by going to pabred.com under forms. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race and remember, you ain't seen nothing yet! Go PA!!

# **PA-BRED**

# 2022 BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT CHAMPION



PENNSYLVANIA BREEDER: ELIZABETH M. MERRYMAN





# **PA-Bred Fund Statistics:** Top Earners

#### January 1 through August 30, 2022

# **LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS**

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview StallionStation Inc	0	332,861	332,861	Maria M Haire	86,023	9,055	95,078
Blackstone Farm LLC	289,180	0	289,180	Pewter Stable	77,828	12,294	90,122
Glenn E Brok LLC	215,442	73,298	288,740	Michael Raymond Anspach	89,786	0	89,786
William J Solomon VMD	197,557	85,759	283,316	Peter Giangiulio	82,020	4,087	86,107
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	151,146	64,228	215,374	Vicky Schowe	80,460	0	80,460
Arrowwood Farm Inc	187,628	0	187,628	W M T Stables Inc	73,679	0	73,679
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	66,897	119,647	186,544	St. Omer's Farm	72,090	0	72,090
Richard N Miller	147,099	29,566	176,666	Joseph Imbesi	69,240	0	69,240
Steven W Young Racing LLC dba	A1A Racing106,019	48,966	154,985	Thomas G McClay	65,373	0	65,373
Warriors Reward	96,189	4,763	100,952	Michael M Moore	62,316	0	62,316
Donald L Brown Jr	86,605	13,935	100,539	Godstone Farm LLC	62,050	0	62,050
Sylmar Farm Inc	95,770	0	95,770	E Marie Morrison	59,664	0	59,664

## **LEADING STALLIONS**

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
JJump Start	Northview StallionStation Inc	293	126,024	Mad Flatter	Glenn E Brok LLC	47	17,953
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	215	119,647	II Villano	Chuck Russo	43	17,049
Uncle Lino	Northview StallionStation Inc	177	113,486	Lord Shanakill	William J Solomon VMD	64	17,012
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	222	68,238	Bullsbay	Northview StallionStation Inc	52	14,787
El Padrino	Northview StallionStation Inc	132	54,662	Messner	Donald L Brown Jr	14	13,935
Peace And Justice	Steven W Young Racing LLC db	a A1A Racing134	4 48,966	Silver Train	Henry R Nothhaft	46	12,686
Talent Search	Glenn E Brok LLC	105	48,286	Winchill	Pewter Stable	21	12,294
Last Gunfighter	William J Solomon VMD	98	38,434	Albert The Great	William J Solomon VMD	51	12,130
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N Miller	63	26,805	Fairbanks	Northview StallionStation Inc	23	11,115
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	42	22,659	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M Haire	33	9,055
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	17	19,898	Medallist	Northview StallionStation Inc	42	8,012
Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	48	18,008	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J Johnson	52	7,842

### **LEADING HORSES**

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	6	112,200	49,656	-	38,880	200,736
Too Boss *	El Padrino - Bossy Posse	Michael Joseph Cascio	3	55,200	49,328	12,332	15,520	132,380
Tactical Pajamas *	Uncle Lino - Salishan	Vicky Schowe	4	59,400	44,676	11,169	8,640	123,885
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	7	22,200	60,960	15,240	22,800	121,200
Ninetyprcentmaddie	* Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	2	54,000	44,640	10,278	10,080	118,998
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	4	58,800	40,376	10,094	7,840	117,110
Flor De Sombra *	Social Inclusion - On A Star	Joseph Imbesi	2	58,800	39,600	9,390	-	107,790
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With An Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	6	58,800	28,996	-	17,580	105,376
Love In The Air	Constitution - Lovely Syn	Blackstone Farm LLC	3	75,800	19,560	-	-	95,360
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc	2	78,800	15,760	-	-	94,560
Bazinga C	Exaggerator - Bazinga B	Joseph Besecker	3	60,000	20,232	-	9,360	89,592
Nimitz Class	Munnings - Five Diamonds	Arrowwood Farm Inc	5	57,000	24,102	-	6,612	87,714
Maldives Model	Petionville - Tahitian Pearl	Arrowwood Farm Inc	3	69,090	15,205	-	1,156	85,451
Vine Jet *	Red Vine - Our Girl Friday	E Marie Morrison	6	3,920	42,864	10,716	25,200	82,700
Miss Dillingham *	Jump Start - Dillingham	Thomas G McClay	6	-	47,816	11,954	22,440	82,210
Undercover Kitty	Kitten's Joy - Judy In Disguise	Caroline Bentley	4	58,800	19,212	-	3,360	81,372
Divine Miracle	Distorted Humor - La Boheme	Blackstone Farm LLC	8	-	39,905	-	39,864	79,769
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L Brown Jr	6	9,200	36,699	9,175	22,928	78,002
Cinnabunny	Golden Lad - English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	4	62,040	15,280	-	-	77,320
Roses For Debra	Liam's Map - Essential Rose	Blackstone Farm LLC	3	58,200	18,040	-		76,240
Philadelphia Belle *	Jump Start - Cam's Cousin	Nick J Polydoros	3	-	36,848	9,212	26,320	72,380
My Train *	Silver Train - Echo Company	Robert G Rutherford	11	-	36,411	9,103	26,008	71,522
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	6	10,670	37,079	9,270	14,400	71,419
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C Quick	3	37,400	26,700	6,675	-	70,775
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