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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

Congratulations to PA-bred Angel of Empire for his victory in the \$1,250,000 Grade 1 Arkansas Derby! The win awarded him 100 qualifying points towards the Kentucky Derby, and he will be among the betting favorites on the first Saturday in May. Angel of Empire was bred by Christian Black's Forgotten Land Investments Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp. He sold for \$70,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Yearling Sale and is already a PA-bred millionaire after only six starts! The state of PA will be cheering Angel of Empire on in his quest for the roses on May 6th! Good luck!

The 2023 Iroquois Award Winners will be recognized at our Annual Banquet on May 12 at The Inn at Mendenhall in Chadds Ford. Invitations have been sent by email.

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Stallion Series is expanding this year and will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5 1/2 furlongs for \$100,000, 6 1/2 furlongs for \$150,000, and a mile and 70 yards 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. Nominations for the 2023 series for 2yos, if not already nominated, are \$1,000 for those purchased at a public or private sale by June 30th. You can go to pabred.com under 'Horses Nominated' to see if your horse is on the list. If not, go to 'Forms' and print the nomination form.

Broodmares that were not 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.) must be bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Have a great 2023 and Go PA!!



Averie Levanti
Executive Coordinator

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Winchill

Looks to be Top Dog



Winchill. Photo by Lydia Williams

by Nikki Sherman

When Winchill entered the stallion market in 2015, he was the only son of Tapit available in Pennsylvania. The handsome colt sported a racing record of six wins from 22 career starts, including a victory in the \$75,000 First Responder Stakes at Parx Racing. He broke his maiden first time out by five lengths in a maiden special weight at Ellis Park and also won an allowance at Churchill Downs, both while trained by Dale Romans for owner Heiligbrodt Stable.

Greg and Kate DeMasi's syndicate Pewter Stable purchased Winchill from the Heiligbrodt Dispersal Sale in early 2011 because he is not only a Pennsylvania-Bred, but also has a quality female family. His dam Exclusive Hold, twice stakes-placed at Saratoga, is

a granddaughter of the great European stallion Alleged and her female family includes such champions as Lailani (GB) and Lasting Lass. She is also the dam of six winners from seven foals to race.

"Winchill is by sire of sires Tapit," Greg DeMasi explained when asked about the decision to breed Winchill. "He has a very strong sire line in his family and at the time was the only son of Tapit to stand at stud locally. With his looks we thought he would make a good sire in the Mid-Atlantic region."

Winchill's first winner was exceptional. Word On a Wing leapt to the lead in his second career start and never looked back, eventually crossing the wire under wraps. His margin of victory was a spectacular 16½ lengths. Word On a Wing has

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2-YEAR-OLD \$1 MILLION PA-SIRED PA-BRED STALLION SERIES

The Series is being expanded in 2023 and will be run in three legs, six stakes, 5 ½f for **\$100,000**, 6 ½f for **\$150,000** and 1 mile 70 yards for **\$200,000**. Each leg will consist of a 2YO race and a 2YO filly race.



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since won five more races by a total of 16 lengths and appears to be sharpening up for his 2023 racing season.

It was just a few weeks after Word On a Wing broke his maiden that Winchill had his first turf winner when You Must Chill captured a maiden claimer at Santa Anita. At the start of his 4-year-old season the PA-Bred changed hands and returned to his home state, where he immediately won five out of six races on both turf and dirt, including the \$200,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap.

"I think he was purchased privately and returned to Pennsylvania because of the PA program being so lucrative. We're glad they brought him back!" Greg said.

Winchill's most recent success story is 3-year-old colt Winning Time, a second-generation Pewter Stable-bred. His groom Sean Fittipaldi has actually rubbed Winning Time, dam Merry's Pegasus, her own multiple stakes-winning dam Merry Princess, and even Winchill himself. Winning Time broke his maiden first time out by 11 lengths and followed that up with a hard-fought victory in the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes. The colt returned to the winner's circle to a huge crowd of ecstatic partners who cheered for their pride and joy.

Greg noted, "It was very special for all connected. The whole barn takes a lot of pride in that, especially Sean."

Last year the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) debuted a revolutionizing series of races that were solely for PA-Bred 2-year-olds sired by stallions standing in the Keystone State during the year of conception. Horsemen loved the idea and 30-50 horses each were nominated for the first filly and male legs of the 2022 series, appropriately held in August on Pennsylvania's Day at the Races. The series also featured a system wherein horses who finished on the board would receive points, and the cumulative points for each horse would showcase \$50,000 in trainers' bonuses to be awarded upon the conclusion of the series.

The series continues this year, and Pewter Stable has jumped ahead of the curve by offering to nominate all resulting Winchill foals from this year's foaling season. Those foals will be eligible for the series in 2026.

"We wanted to support the series and encourage people to get the babies ready to run in it," Greg said. "The thought was

that if we paid the fees it would be more of an incentive for them to try and gear up their babies to run in the series."

By the fall yearling sales and now into the spring 2-year-old in training auctions, horsemen have been looking specifically for PA-Bred/PA-Sired horses. The fee structure was adjusted so that horses become eligible for the entire series with just a \$200 nomination fee if paid by Dec. 31 of the yearling year. The nomination fee rises to just \$500 if paid by March 31.

In addition the series was expanded to six races at Parx Racing for each gender: beginning in August are the \$100,000 5½-furlong Whistle Pig Stakes and Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes, followed on Pennsylvania Derby Day in September by the \$150,000 6½-furlong Prince Lucky Stakes and Imply Stakes, and concluding on Dec. 27 with the \$200,000 1 mile and 70-yard Wait for It Stakes and Miss Behaviour Stakes. This year will also feature the same \$50,000 trainers' bonuses.

Last year Winchill bred the second most mares in the state (51), just three behind leader Warrior's Reward. This incentive may just push Winchill into the lead, especially since his offspring have proven to be quite precocious and like to run.

Two years ago when interviewed, Greg's wife Kate, who also trains their horses, noticed the same thing. "I think overall Winchill is doing really well. His babies come to hand quickly enough and they're very smart."

With several more years of foals to examine, Greg noted, "Breeders who bred to Winchill have been really happy with his foals. They seem like correct, well-made individuals. Winchill is a very typy, well-balanced horse and he passes that along to his offspring."

Winchill is located at Timber Ridge Farm in Felton, standing for \$3,000 with special consideration to Pennsylvania-foaling mares. He moved there from Pointer Farm several years ago after that farm closed. He is now managed by Greg DeMasi and Timber Ridge's Farm Manager Boggs Shoemaker.

"We wanted a good situation for Winchill where he would be top dog, so to speak," Greg said. "Last year Winchill bred over 50 mares and that's really good for a regional sire. Boggs has done a good job of managing him and getting mares in foal."

With his early stallion record, Winchill is on the way to being Top Dog, indeed. ■

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TEN-YEAR FLASHBACK:

by Averie Levanti

When Ed Stanco decided to breed his first ever racehorse, it didn't exactly go according to plan.

A native of upstate New York and Pennsylvania resident for some 25 years, Ed Stanco had been involved as a racehorse owner for years. He was a part of a handful of other racehorse partnership ventures before creating his own racing stable under the name King of Prussia in 2003. Typically only campaigning a horse or two at a time, King of Prussia was a small operation with moderate success. In 2006, he purchased a 2-year-old

filly by Catienus for \$67,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2yo Sale. Named Storm Dixie, the filly broke her maiden

first out at Saratoga and finished second in the Crockadore Stakes from 10 career races. At career's end in 2008, Stanco decided Storm Dixie would be his first broodmare.

Diligently searching for the perfect match for his first horse as a breeder, Ed Stanco finally settled on Ashford Stud's Grand Slam. Storm Dixie shipped from Pennsylvania to Kentucky for her date with Grand Slam, but things became complicated after the stallion was kicked by another mare and out of commission. With little time to spare, Stanco had to come up with a different stallion if he was hoping for Storm Dixie to be bred that day. Stanco's bloodstock advisor, Joe Brockelbank, suggested sending the mare to one of Ashford's newest additions. Majestic Warrior, winner of the Grade 1 Hopeful Stakes as a juvenile, was standing his first season at stud. With time ticking, Stanco obliged, and Storm Dixie went to Majestic Warrior.

Returning to Sylmar Farm in Christiana, Pa., Storm Dixie delivered her first filly on March 27, 2010.

The chestnut filly remained at Sylmar Farm to be raised, broken, and trained and was appropriately given the name Princess of Sylmar before being sent to the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. Taking advantage of Pennsylvania-bred incentives, Princess of Sylmar debuted at Penn National in October 2012, where she rallied from nearly 12 lengths off the pace to finish fourth, beaten only 2¾ lengths in the five-and-a-half-furlong race.

With it evident that a longer race would be more her forte, Princess of Sylmar returned to Penn National on Nov. 8, 2012, for a one-mile open maiden special weight. Sitting just off the pace this time, the filly took command turning for home and widened to a staggering 19-length maiden victory. A star was born.

Testing the New York ranks in an Aqueduct allowance the following month, Princess of Sylmar tallied a 5¼-length victory for her final juvenile start.

With such dominant performances backing her up, Pletcher and Stanco decided to take a crack at the Road to the Kentucky Oaks. Princess of Sylmar made her 3-year-old debut in

the Busanda Stakes at Aqueduct. Sitting just off the pace, she drew away to a resounding 7½-length victory to earn 10 points towards the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard. She followed it up the following month in the Busher Stakes, worth 50 points for the Kentucky Oaks, romping by seven lengths under a hand ride as the 1-4 favorite.

Stepping up to the graded stakes level for her final Oaks

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Princess of Sylmar



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Last 100 Starts

Wins

Winners

Peace And Justice

16

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Warrior's Reward

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Wicked Strong

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*STATS AS OF 3/20/2023

LIFETIME:

Sire of **66%**
winners
from starters.

Sire of **38%**
2YO winners
from starters.

His runners have
won or placed in
nearly **40%** of
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prep, Princess of Sylmar contested the Grade 2 Gazelle Stakes and faced her first stiff challenge. The lightly-raced Close Hatches had traveled north after posting two good-looking victories at Gulfstream Park in Florida. By post time, Close Hatches was a slight favorite over Princess of Sylmar. When the gates sprung, Close Hatches was able to settle into an easy, uncontested lead. Princess of Sylmar, sitting further back off the slow pace, was unable to run her foe down late and settled for second, beaten 3¼ lengths.

Princess of Sylmar was among a four-strong Pletcher brigade for the Kentucky Oaks. Shipping to Churchill Downs a couple weeks before the race, Pletcher was so displeased with the filly's final workout over the track that he almost considered not entering her. In the end, the decision to run won out due to the hot early pace expected in the race. Typically a closer, the quick pace was bound to set up well for Princess of Sylmar.

The 2013 Kentucky Oaks was being heralded as one of the deepest runnings in recent memory. Aside from Close Hatches, the Oaks included Pletcher's multiple graded stakes winners Dreaming of Julia and Unlimited Budget, Bob Baffert's Midnight Lucky, and champion 2-year-old filly Beholder. Based in California with Richard Mandella, Beholder had already tallied two additional Grade 1 victories as a 3-year-old. At post time, Princess of Sylmar's odds stood at a whopping 38-1, the second-longest price in the field of 10.

With Hall of Fame rider Mike Smith getting the call, Princess of Sylmar broke from post 6. Right at the start, Beholder, in post 3, broke outward, while Rose to Gold, in post 9, broke inward, squeezing all five horses in between them. Stuck in the very middle, Princess of Sylmar and Mike Smith were sandwiched so badly that Smith thought he wasn't going to stay on the filly. Miraculously, the pair recovered but dropped back to ninth, nearly 11 lengths off the pace-setting Midnight Lucky.



Princess of Sylmar - Beldame, photo by Coglianese Photo

Midnight Lucky, pressed by Beholder, set quick early fractions of :22.84 and :46.79. With the opening half mile behind them, Smith decided it was time to go on Princess of Sylmar, and the two began to pick off rivals to reach fourth-place entering the final turn. Meanwhile, Beholder had taken the lead from a wilting Midnight Lucky and opened up two lengths on Unlimited Budget. Beholder looked to be on the way to victory, but Princess of Sylmar was still sustaining her long-winded bid. Inching closer, the filly ground her way past Midnight Lucky and Unlimited Budget to range up alongside Beholder in the final 100 yards. Approaching the wire, the chestnut filly eked her way to a half-length advantage as the finish line passed overhead. In doing so, Princess of Sylmar became the second-longest shot and second Pennsylvania-bred to win in the 145-year-old history of the Kentucky Oaks.

Out to prove that her longshot victory was no fluke, Princess of Sylmar traveled to upstate New York for the Saratoga meet. With the Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks up first, Princess of Sylmar still went off the 2-1 second choice behind stablemate Unlimited Budget. She rewarded her backers handsomely with a last-to-first six-length victory while Unlimited Budget finished last.

As a native of upstate New York, Ed Stanco's dream was

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The Only Pennsylvania stallion listed on Blood Horse's top 50 Freshman sires for 2022

TOP FRESHMAN SIRE
EASTWOOD
#1 in Pennsylvania
4 in MidAtlantic Region
#38 in North America

**TWO FIRST-CROP
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to win the Alabama Stakes, Saratoga's premier race for 3-year-old fillies. He had begun dreaming of making the race way back over the winter, and remarkably, it happened. Princess of Sylmar finally received her due as the 1-2 favorite in the five-horse Alabama field, closing from fourth to draw away to a 2½ length score for her third consecutive Grade 1 victory.

Instead of remaining among her own age group, Princess of Sylmar made the step up against older fillies and mares in her next start, the Grade 1 Beldame Stakes at Belmont Park. The race was set to be a showdown between Stanco's filly, the best 3-year-old filly in the country, and Royal Delta, the defending champion older mare and two-time Breeders' Cup Distaff winner.



Princess of Sylmar - Coaching Club American Oaks, photo by Coglianese Photo

Princess of Sylmar was the 2-1 second choice, while Royal Delta was made a heavy 3-10 favorite. With Royal Delta contesting the pace in second, Princess of Sylmar settled back into the fourth position. As the older mare moved to take the lead around the turn, Princess launched her bid to put herself within contention in second place. Turning for home, Royal Delta maintained a slight advantage while her young foe had dead aim, and the two of them drew even approaching the final furlong. As Princess of Sylmar stuck her head in front, Royal Delta gave way, and the younger filly off to a two-length victory for her fourth career Grade 1.

While originally not planning to send Princess of Sylmar

to the Breeders' Cup, Ed Stanco had a change of heart following the Beldame. Having established herself as the country's leading 3-year-old filly, and even being in talks as a potential Horse of the Year, Stanco felt he owed it to horse racing's fans to send such a top horse to the world championships. Having not been previously nominated to the Breeders' Cup, Stanco put up the steep late nomination fee and the filly was shipped west to Santa Anita, host of that year's world championships.

The short but talented field for the Breeders' Cup Distaff included old foes Royal Delta, Close Hatches, and Beholder. While Princess of Sylmar reeled off three additional Grade 1 victories following the Kentucky Oaks, Beholder returned to

her home base of California and rested until September. She returned to post victories in the listed Torrey Pines Stakes and Grade 1 Zenyatta against older foes before entering the Breeders' Cup.

Despite her loss to Princess of Sylmar, Royal Delta still ended up going off the 7-5 favorite while Princess of Sylmar and Beholder were both posted at 5-2. As the gates sprung open, Princess of Sylmar stumbled badly and never quite recovered. Meanwhile, Beholder tracked the pace before drawing away to a 4¼-length victory with Close Hatches back in second, Royal Delta in fourth, and Princess of Sylmar trailing home in

sixth and last.

At season's end, when the ballots were tallied for champion 3-year-old filly, Beholder won in a landslide.

Princess of Sylmar was rested over the winter and made her 4-year-old debut the following April. Returning to Aqueduct for the Cat Cay Stakes, the filly closed from second-last to post an easy 3½-length victory as the 3-5 favorite.

Two months later, the Grade 1 Odgen Phipps on the Belmont Stakes undercard was set to be a rubber match with Princess of Sylmar, Beholder and Close Hatches all entering the race. So far that year, Close Hatches had tallied victories in the

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Spotlight on

PA-SIRED PA-BREDS

WHY OWN ONE?

LOOK

AT THE 2YO RESULTS!



FLOR DE SOMBRA

by Social Inclusion – Race Record: 5: 4-0-1

\$320,000 + \$130,040 in Breeder Awards

GORDIAN KNOT

by Social Inclusion – Race Record: 4: 3-0-1

\$245,800 + \$101,920 in Breeder Awards

WINNING TIME

by Winchill – Race Record: 2: 2-0-0

\$162,000 + \$67,800 in Breeder Awards

NINETYPRCENTMADDIE

by Weigelia – Race Record: 4: 3-0-0

\$138,480 + \$54,696 in Breeder Awards

MIDNIGHT PARADE

by Hoppertunity – Race Record: 3: 2-0-0

\$135,938 + \$55,689 in Breeder Awards

KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO

by Uptowncharlybrown – Race Record: 9: 1-3-4

\$111,662 + \$46,751 in Breeder Awards

VEESON

by Il Villano – Race Record: 5: 0-1-2

\$76,520 + \$29,355 in Breeder Awards



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Azeri-G2 and Grade 1 Apple Blossom while Beholder prepped in and won the listed Santa Lucia Stakes. With Beholder sent off the even-money favorite, her and Close Hatches tracked a hot pace while Princess of Sylmar fell as much as nine lengths off the pace in last. With Close Hatches taking the lead around the turn, Beholder struggled to keep up, and Princess of Sylmar began unleashing her customary bid. The chestnut filly was closing quickly on the far outside to minimize the gap between her and the leader, but her rally was just a beat too late. The two soared under the wire together with the photo finish showing Close Hatches a head in front. Beholder ended up finishing fourth.

The Ogden Phipps was arguably the last stellar race of Princess of Sylmar's career. With two races left, she finished a lackluster second in the Grade 1 Delaware Handicap as the 1-5 favorite before ending her career with an off-the-board effort behind Close Hatches in the muddy Grade 1 Personal Ensign at Saratoga. While kept in training with an aim at a Beldame

Stakes defense, it was determined that Princess of Sylmar suffered from a case of thumps, or an electrolyte imbalance, during the Personal Ensign. It was likely a recurring issue, and the decision was made to retire her.

During her three years on the racetrack, Princess of Sylmar ran 15 times with nine firsts and three seconds for earnings of \$2,017,220. Her only off-the-board efforts came in her first career race, her troubled Breeders' Cup start, and her final race. She notched seven stakes victories, four of which came at the Grade 1 level, topped by her 38-1 upset victory in the Kentucky Oaks.

Six weeks after she retired, Princess of Sylmar was offered at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. She commanded a sale-topping \$3,100,000 from Japan's legendary Shadai Farm. Now 13-years-old, Princess of Sylmar continues to reside at Shadai Farm as a broodmare. She's delivered five foals to date and is due to Lord Kanaloa in 2023. ■

Princess of Sylmar - Alabama, photo by Coglianese Photo





LEADING SIRES (OUTSIDE KY) BY % BLACK-TYPE WINNERS



Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BTW/ % Rnrs	BTH/ % Rnrs	GSW/ G1W	Lifetime AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'23 Earnings
1	Weigelia, '01, (Safely's Mark) WynOaks Farm, PA, Private	36 / 10	2 / 5.6%	4 / 11.1%	0 / 0	1.38	Disco Ebo \$141,360	\$648,039
2	Grazen, '06, (Benchmark) Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, CA, \$6,000	67 / 23	3 / 4.5%	3 / 4.5%	0 / 0	1.46	Grazed My Heart \$118,000	\$1,088,213
3	Great Notion, '00, (Elusive Quality) Northview Stallion Station, MD, \$7,500	60 / 20	2 / 3.3%	2 / 3.3%	0 / 0	1.45	Twisted Ride \$127,840	\$1,061,897
4	Star Guitar, '05, (Quiet American) Clear Creek Stud, LA, \$7,500	66 / 16	2 / 3.0%	4 / 6.1%	0 / 0	1.00	Touchuponastar \$90,000	\$778,469
-	Anchor Down, '11, (Tapit) Iowa State University Horse Farm, IA, \$3,000	33 / 8	1 / 3.0%	2 / 6.1%	0 / 0	0.92	Tappin Josie \$108,900	\$486,127
6	Jess's Dream, '12, (Curlin) Ocala Stud, FL, \$3,000	70 / 20	2 / 2.9%	3 / 4.3%	0 / 0	0.89	Dreaming of Snow \$112,500	\$798,443
7	Cajun Breeze, '08, (Congrats) Stonehedge Farm South, FL, \$5,000	37 / 9	1 / 2.7%	4 / 10.8%	0 / 0	1.26	Zydeceaux \$111,000	\$367,045
8	Vronsky, '99, (Danzig) Died	39 / 14	1 / 2.6%	2 / 5.1%	0 / 0	1.18	The Chosen Vron \$150,000	\$549,752
9	Competitive Edge, '12, (Super Saver) Valor Farm, TX, \$5,000	41 / 14	1 / 2.4%	2 / 4.9%	0 / 0	1.30	Edge to Edge \$128,400	\$623,161
-	Stanford, '12, (Malibu Moon) Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, CA, \$5,000	42 / 9	1 / 2.4%	1 / 2.4%	0 / 0	0.70	Special Moment \$49,199	\$345,436
11	Mr. Big, '03, (Dynaformer) Legacy Ranch, CA, \$7,500	49 / 13	1 / 2.0%	4 / 8.2%	0 / 0	1.25	Big Summer \$110,000	\$652,927
12	First Dude, '07, (Stephen Got Even) Double Diamond Farm, FL, \$7,500	54 / 18	1 / 1.9%	3 / 5.6%	1 / 0	1.09	Maryquitecontrary \$117,800	\$637,331
13	Exaggerator, '13, (Curlin) Elite Thoroughbreds, LA, \$5,000	118 / 24	2 / 1.7%	2 / 1.7%	1 / 0	0.75	Candidate \$94,710	\$926,681
14	Flat Out, '06, (Flatter) Mighty Acres, OK, \$3,000	83 / 27	1 / 1.2%	3 / 3.6%	0 / 0	1.09	Piece of My Heart \$93,500	\$1,005,999
15	Stay Thirsty, '08, (Bernardini) Lovacres Ranch, CA, \$15,000	92 / 21	1 / 1.1%	1 / 1.1%	0 / 0	1.18	Thirsty John \$113,132	\$738,345

Listed above are the 2023 leading sires by % of black-type winners (from number of starters) with 33 starters or more (based on the top 80% of stallions by starters), through March 16, 2023. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2019 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2023 Northern Hemisphere only.

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GRADE 1 WINNERS - GRADE 1 SIRES

G1 SW at 2 & 3 / Earned \$1,1168,138

BRODY'S CAUSE

Giant's Causeway - Sweet Breanna by Sahm

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- ENTERED STUD: 2017 -

First crop 3 year olds in 2021 led by

G1 winner, KALYPSO

(KALYPSO sold for \$2.1 million in November 2022)

2022 Progeny Earnings: Over \$2,400,000

Lifetime Progeny Earnings: Over \$4,700,000

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	Monday, April 24	\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP \$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES	3 & up, 7 furlongs 3 & up, f&m, 7 furlongs
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	Monday, June 26	\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES \$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf
	Monday, July 17	\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs
	Monday, July 24	\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
	Tuesday, July 25	\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
			
	Monday, August 21	\$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES \$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP \$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES \$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES \$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEM. STAKES	3 & up, 6 furlongs 3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards 3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs
		<u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS STAKES:</u> \$100,000 WHISTLE PIG STAKES \$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES	2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5 1/2 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5 1/2 furlongs
	Saturday, Sept. 23	\$100,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP \$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES <u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:</u> \$150,000 PRINCE LUCKY STAKES \$150,000 IMPLY STAKES	3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards 2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 1/2 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 1/2 furlongs
	Monday, Oct. 16	\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Oct. 17	\$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES	2YO, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Oct. 24	<u>3 & up PA-SIRED PA-BRED STAKES:</u> \$100,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
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Hip #	Foaling Date	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor
28	2/3/2021	DB/BR	C	Yoshida (JPN)	Amber Grace	Elusive Quality	Blackstone Farm LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC, Agent
117	3/24/2021	CH	F	Vino Rosso	Broken Blues	Broken Vow	Best A Luck Farm LLC & Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent III
198	4/3/2021	B	F	Astern (AUS)	Convertible	Forestry	Heart Hill Farms LLC	Mayberry Farm
309	2/18/2021	GR/RO	F	Peace and Justice	Elasticity	Paddy O'Prado	A1A Racing	Ocala Stud, Agent
375	3/16/2021	DB/BR	F	Flameaway	Floating Dream	Ghostzapper	Ann Sears & Joan Wilson	S B M Training and Sales, Agent
443	5/15/2021	B	F	Mendelssohn	Guisse	Exchange Rate	Barlar LLC	Paul Sharp, Agent I
487	2/24/2021	GR/RO	C	The Factor	Holiday Diva	Lemon Drop Kid	Brunacini Stables Inc	Julie Davies LLC, Agent XIV
654	4/21/2021	B	C	More Than Ready	Lucky Draw	Lookin At Lucky	Blackstone Farm LLC	Top Line Sales LLC, Agent VII
827	3/23/2021	B	F	Speightster	Pursuing Fate	In Summation	Best A Luck Farm LLC & Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent III
836	2/26/2021	CH	C	Collected	Queen Scheherazade	Smart Strike	Blackstone Farm LLC	Six K's Training & Sales LLC, Agent II
882	2/13/2021	GR/RO	C	Frosted	Roman Lassie	Liam's Map	Blackstone Farm LLC	Eddie Woods, Agent LVII
948	4/3/2021	CH	F	Munnings	She's Overwhelming	Albert the Great	Warrior's Reward	de Meric Sales, Agent XXVII
1141	4/22/2021	B	F	Mitole	U. K. Girl	Tiger Ridge	Joan A Wilson	Randy Miles, Agent XXV

March 2023 Two-Year Olds In Training Sale 2

Hip #	Foaling Date	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Buyer	Price
575	1/11/2021	GR/RO	F	Leofric	Jurere	Take Charge Indy	Amber Cobb	JMC Sales, Agent I	Robert C Roffey Jr	18,000 PS
816	4/2/2021	B	F	Bernardini	Rhys	Storm Cat	Blackstone Farm LLC	Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent	HRH Prince Saud Bin Salman Racing Stable	275,000

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

ARKANSAS DERBY-G1, OP, \$1,250,000, 3YO,

1 1/8M, 4-1.

Won - ANGEL OF EMPIRE

c, 3, Classic Empire–Armony’s Angel,
by To Honor and Serve. (\$32,000 RNA 2020 KEENOV;
\$70,000 2021 KEESEP) O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC,
B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc. & Black Diamond
Equine Corp (PA), T-Brad H. Cox, J-Flavien Prat, \$739,375.

Angel of Empire stamped himself as one of the favorites for the 149th Kentucky Derby with a stellar performance in Oaklawn Park’s \$1.25 million Arkansas Derby-G1 on April 2.

Coming in off a victory in Fair Grounds’ Risen Star Stakes-G2 in February, Angel of Empire was fourth-choice in the field of 10 in the race that has yielded most famously Kentucky Derby winners American Pharoah (2015) and, 19 years ago, Pennsylvania-bred legend Smarty Jones.

Unhurried early by Flavien Prat and racing in seventh place off fractions of :23:27 and :47:26 for the first half, he was still sixth after three-quarters of a mile, but moved quickly to take command entering the stretch. He drew off impressively to win by four and a quarter lengths over longshot King Russell, with the 3-1 second choice Reincarnate nearly five lengths back in third and 5-2 favorite Rocket Can fourth. The mile and an eighth was run in 1:49.68.

Trainer Brad Cox said after Angel of Empire’s fourth win in six career starts: “. . . Very impressed with this horse, how he ran today. He came home quick, and he’s a horse that the longer the better. Looking forward to getting him to the Kentucky Derby in five weeks.”

Angel of Empire is owned by Albaugh Family Stables, who purchased the colt out of the Keeneland September Yearling sale for \$70,000. Jason Loutsch, the racing manager and co-owner of Albaugh Family Stables and son-in-law of stable principal Dennis Albaugh said, “It’s just really gratifying when you can win a Grade 1, especially the Arkansas Derby. This is a race we’ve been pointing at a long time and to win it is really special.” With the victory, Angel of Empire became a millionaire, pushing his earnings to \$1,069,375.



ANGEL OF EMPIRE - Arkansas Derby. Photo by Coady Photography

The bay colt by 2016 2-year-old champion and 2017 Arkansas Derby winner Classic Empire was bred by Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp., out of Armony’s Angel, a mare Christian Black purchased in the name of Black Diamond Equine Corp. for \$67,000 while carrying the future graded stakes winner. Armony’s Angel (by To Honor and Serve) had placed in three of her eight career starts, and is a half-sister to two stakes winners, including graded winner Conquest Big E; her dam is a half-sister to graded winners Softly and Coragil Cat.

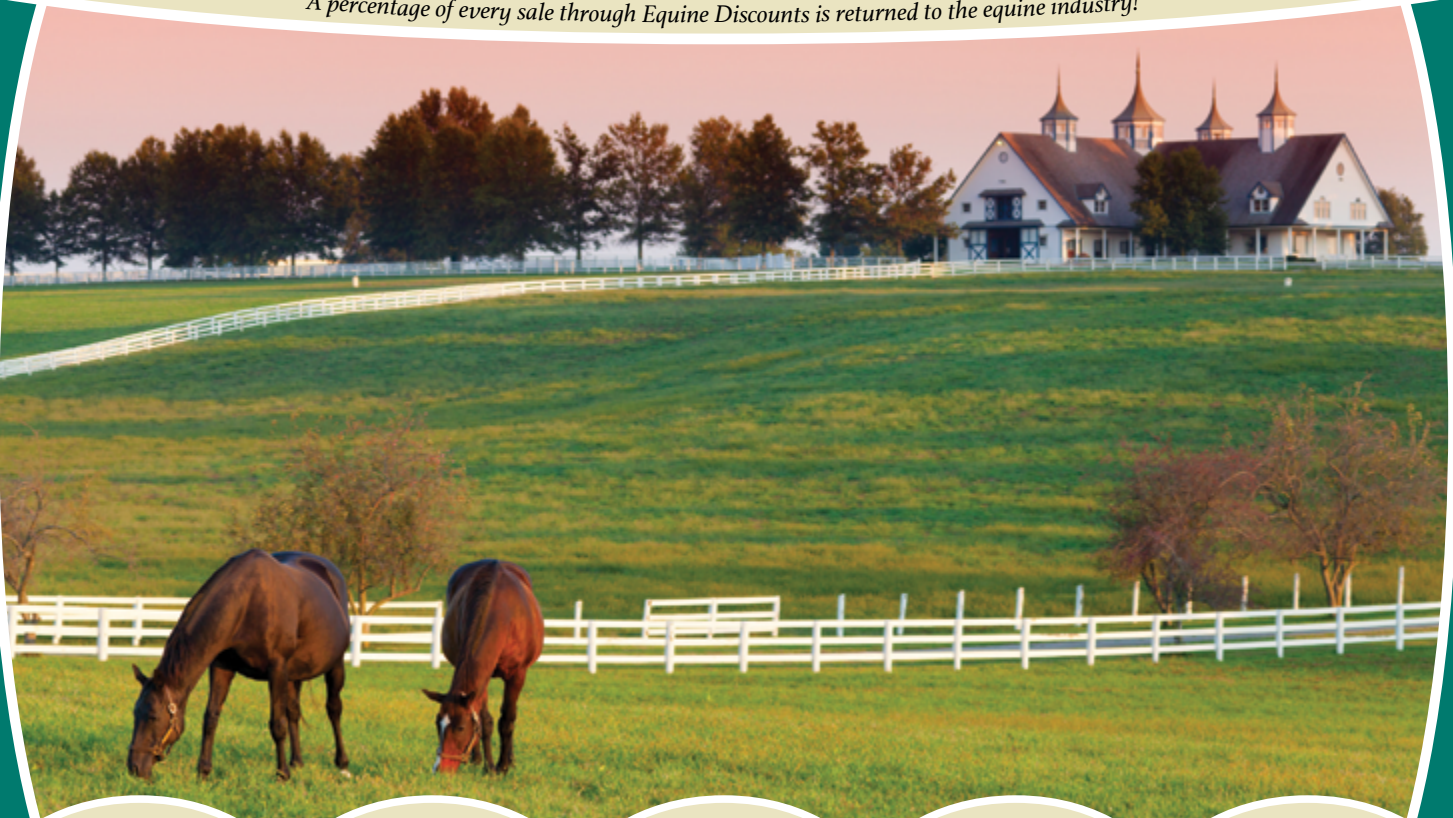
Loutsch is confident heading to Churchill Downs. “This is a horse I’ve been saying day one wants to get the distance. He showed that twice at a mile and an eighth. He just keeps running. I thought he ran a great race today, and I’m excited for the First Saturday in May.” Cox concurs. “The older he’s getting the better he’s getting, bottom line. I think he really took to six weeks between races. He ran well here to start the year (when second in his stakes debut in Oaklawn’s Smarty Jones Stakes on Jan. 1). He showed that he was going to want more ground. . . Out of the Risen Star, I thought he was just maybe a little tucked up, a little tired. He’s come around over the last three, four weeks. Now he’s back in top form and very happy how he looked physically leading up to this.

“I always thought he’d be better with more ground and obviously he’s 2-for-2 at a mile and an eighth,” added Cox. “Hopefully we can be 1-for-1 at a mile and a quarter in five weeks.”

Angel of Empire already had enough points to get into the Kentucky Derby field, but added 100 more to rank second (with 154) behind only champion Forte (with 190). ■

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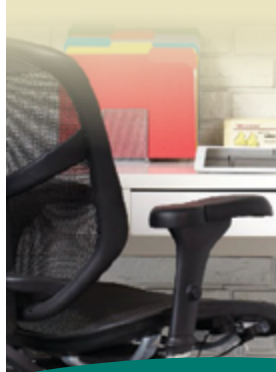
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS



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HARRISON E. JOHNSON MEMORIAL S, LRL, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 1M, 3-18.

Won - NIMITZ CLASS

c, 3, Munnings–Five Diamonds, by Flatter.
O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA),
T-Bruce M. Kravets, J-Jevian Toledo, \$60,000.

Nimitz Class is making a name for himself as one of the best handicap horses in the Mid-Atlantic region after winning his second stakes of the year, and third in a row, with a dominating six and a quarter-length score in the Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes on March 18 at Laurel Park.

The 3-5 favorite in a field of seven, Nimitz Class stalked stakes winner Hello Hot Rod through a quarter-mile in :24.21 and a half in :47.26. Jevian Toledo eased Nimitz Class past the leader without urging and he straightened for home in command. He opened up on his own through the lane and completed the one-turn mile in 1:36.43 over a fast main track. In his previous two starts he captured the Feb. 18 John B. Campbell and Dec. 30 Robert T. Manfuso, and he earned a 103 Beyer Speed figure, his second triple digit Beyer in a row.

Nimitz Class now has three wins from four career races at Laurel, and overall the 4-year-old Munnings colt has won eight of 14 lifetime starts for earnings of \$354,480. “I think this horse will run just about anywhere that we take him. He loves it down here in Maryland,” said trainer Bruce Kravets. “We like the track surface, the track, everything about it.”

A homebred for Tom Coulter’s Arrowwood Farm, Nimitz Class is out of stakes-winning Five Diamonds (by Flatter), and is a full-brother to multiple stakes winner Kaylasaurus. Five Diamonds has four winners from six foals of racing age. Her yearling is a Lookin At Lucky colt named Quittin’ Time and she has a Mendelssohn colt this year. ■



Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

PENN’S LANDING S, PRX, \$75,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6 1/2F, 3-7.

WON - DISCO EBO

f, 3, Weigelia - Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico.
(\$52,000 2020 EASOCT). O-Cash is King LLC
and LC Racing LLC, B-St. Omer’s Farm (PA),
T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Frankie Pennington, \$41,400.

Disco Ebo remained undefeated in three starts in 2023 when taking the Penn’s Landing Stakes at Parx Racing on March 7 as the 3-5 favorite over eight rivals.

Sent straight to the front by Frankie Pennington in the six and a half-furlong stakes against open company, she controlled the pace and widened through the stretch as much the best while winning by six and three-quarter lengths. She kicked off the season with two allowance scores at Parx.

A \$52,000 purchase by LC Racing at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale, Disco Ebo is trained by Butch Reid for Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC. She now has earnings of \$463,444, with eight wins (three in stakes), two seconds and two thirds (two stakes) in 16 starts.

Disco Ebo was bred by St. Omer’s Farm and is one of 10 winners from as many starters for the Disco Rico mare Katarica Disco, all but the first foal by Pennsylvania sire Weigelia. Five are stakes performers, the others stakes winners Smooth B, an earner of \$745,398, and \$423,318-earner Fat Kat; graded stakes-placed Disco Rose, with earnings of \$449,280; and stakes-placed Pink Princess (\$572,135). Katarica Disco’s foals have earned more than \$3 million, with seven of the runners in the six-figures.

Katarica Disco, now 19, has a current 2-year-old named Harp’s Hot Corner who was purchased by LC Racing at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale for \$110,000. ■



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MAIN LINE S, PRX, \$75,000, 3YOF, 1M&70Y, 3-6.

Won - SOCIAL SUCCESS

f, 3, Social Inclusion–Schuylkill, by
With Distinction. O-Shirley A. Lojeski, B-Shirley Lojeski (PA),
T-Bruce M. Kravets, J-Frankie Pennington, \$44,100.

Social Success needed her first race to figure it out. Since that December maiden special weight at Penn National, her only start at 2, she is undefeated and a stakes winner.

The 3-year-old daughter of former Pennsylvania sire Social Inclusion came home a two and a half-length winner in Parx Racing's Main Line Stakes on March 6 for owner/breeder Shirley Lojeski. Racing once a month since her debut, the Bruce Kravets trainee came into the race off a six-furlong maiden special win in January and a one-mile allowance score in February, both at her Penn National base.

Social Success led her five rivals at every call in the one mile and 70-yard Main Line, including 1-5 favorite Girl Trouble. Coasting through modest fractions of :24.66, :49.44 and 1:14.84, she had plenty left in reserve to pull away and score by daylight. Final time was 1:46.76.

Social Success is the fourth foal out of the With Distinction mare Schuylkill, a Florida-bred who was unplaced in two starts for Main Line Racing Stable and trainer John Servis. Schuylkill produced foals when bred to Smarty Jones and Friesan Fire, neither having started. Her third foal is the Uncle Lino gelding Just a Thought, a three-time winner of \$103,615 who finished third in the 2020 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes for Main Line Racing Stable and Servis.

Social Success now has earnings of \$86,526 in four starts. She is Schuylkill's last reported living foal. ■



Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE S, PRX, \$75,000, 3YO, 1M&70Y, 3-6.

WON - NINETYPERCENTMADDIE

c, 3, Weigelia–Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.
O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), T-Robert E. Reid Jr.,
J-Paco Lopez, \$44,100.

After three wins in four starts at 2, including the Whistle Pig Stakes, LC Racing LLC's homebred Ninetyprcentmaddie looked to take the next step up. The son of Weigelia trained by Butch Reid finished second in his 3-year-old debut as second-choice in the Parx Juvenile Stakes (which has been postponed a week due to weather and run on Jan. 3).

A trip to New York for Aqueduct's Grade 3 Withers was next and he ran the worst race of his career, being eased in the stretch. The result baffled his trainer, but the colt got a clean bill of health after the race and his connections regrouped.

The City of Brotherly Love at Parx on March 6 came up next. And Ninetyprcentmaddie returned to form. And more.

Leading gate-to-wire, he cruised home nearly 10 lengths ahead of his closest pursuer for his second career stakes win. Guided by Paco Lopez through fractions of :23.42, :48.77 and 1:14.58, he completed the mile and 70 yards in 1:44.57. His record is now 7-4-1-0 for earnings of \$200,730. When the late Triple Crown nominees were announced on March 28, his name was on the list.

Ninetyprcentmaddie is the second foal for Amblin Easy, a stakes-placed daughter of Private Interview claimed by Reid for LC Racing in October 2014. First came multiple stakes-placed Ninetypercentbrynn, also by Weigelia. He is a winner this year at age 5 for the same connections and an earner of \$280,496. Amblin Easy delivered fillies by Maximus Mischief in 2021 and 2022 and is due to the same sire this year. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

SOCIETY HILL S, PRX, \$75,000, 3YOF, 6 1/2F, 3-6.

Won - TAPPIN JOSIE

f, 3, Anchor Down–Homemaker, by Afternoon Deelites.
(\$15,000 2021 FTMOCT). O-Darryl E. Abramowitz,
B-Charles Blanford (PA),
T-Horacio De Paz, J-Kevin Gomez, \$44,100.



TAPPIN JOSIE - Society Hill Stakes (Bill Denver/Equi-Photo)

Tappin Josie had never appeared in the starting gate in her home state of Pennsylvania until her 10th career start. What a homecoming it was as she dug in down the stretch and turned back favorite Chickieness to take the six and a half-furlong Society Hill Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Parx on March 6 by three-quarters of a length.

Bred by Charles Blanford, Tappin Josie was sold as a yearling at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale, going to trainer John Robb for \$15,000. She made her 2-year-old debut on June 1 at Delaware Park and finished second. Staying at Delaware, she won a maiden special weight two weeks later and was second, missing by a head to Bound by Destiny, in an allowance. She faced that one once again in her stakes debut, the Blue Hen Stakes, and was fourth as Bound by Destiny won and Chickieness ran second.

Making her way to Laurel in September, Tappin Josie crossed the wire well clear in allowance company but was disqualified to third after drifting in and bothering a rival in the stretch. Dropped in for a \$62,500 tag six weeks later, she was snatched up by trainer Brittany Russell for S B Stables LLC and GenStar Thoroughbreds.

Tappin Josie made an inauspicious debut for her new connections in Laurel's Gin Talking Stakes, her final start of the year. Sent off as one of the favorites, she was making a move wide around the far turn and kept drifting out before being eased and finishing last.

Risked for \$50,000 in her 3-year-old debut, trainer Horacio De Paz was ready to drop the slip on behalf of Darryl E. Abramowitz. The filly raced erratically but drove home much the best. She recorded her second consecutive win when taking a Laurel allowance on Feb. 11, which set her up for her trip to PA.

The Society Hill was her third win in a row and fifth of her career. She came back 12 days later in Aqueduct's Cicada and ran a solid second, while drifting out, behind undefeated odds-on choice Downtown Mischief. From 11 career starts, Tappin Josie has a record of 5-3-1 for earnings of \$220,200.

A daughter of former Gainesway stallion Anchor Down, a multiple graded stakes-winning son of Tapit, Tappin Josie is the eighth foal out of the stakes-winning Afternoon Deelites mare Homemaker, whose earlier runners include stakes-winning miler Mischievous Mama and stakes-placed B Three. Tappin Josie is the first foal Blanford bred out of the mare; he also bred her current 2-year-old Boh's N O's (by Bandbox). ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

FISHTOWN S, PRX, \$75,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 3-7.

WON - TWISTED RIDE

g, 4, 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-Andy Hernandez, J-Michael M. Moore, \$60,000.

One day shy of a year since his first stakes win in Parx’s City of Brotherly Love Stakes for 3-year-olds, Twisted Ride was determined to get the best of Smooth B in a thrilling stretch drive the Fishtown Stakes on March 7 at Parx. The margin of victory was a head.

Coming in riding a two-race win streak – allowance sprints at Parx – Twisted Ride went off the 1.60-1 favorite in the field of seven going six furlongs in the Fishtown. He raced just off the pace set by veteran Smooth B, who set early fractions of :22.72 and :47.12. When Twisted Ride moved to the outside of Smooth B down the stretch, the battle ensued to the wire. Twisted Ride stopped the clock in 1:13.15.

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 trained by



TWISTED RIDE - Fishtown Stakes (Bill Denver/Equi-Photo)

Michael M. Moore. The son of Great Notion has been a model of consistency since making his career debut at 3, with a record of 13-6-2-2 for earnings of \$292,978.

Twisted Ride is one of four winners from as many starters for Diva’s Gold (by Tenpins). Claimed by Kasey K Racing for \$15,000 off a win in August 2010 at Monmouth, Pennsylvania-bred Diva’s Gold went on to place in five stakes and earn \$389,790. When bred to Great Notion in 2014, she produced stakes winner Goodonehoney. The mare has fillies by Golden Lad – current 2-year-old Lady Sriracha, and yearling Elegant Lass – and was returned to Great Notion for 2023. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

NOT FOR LOVE S, LRL, \$75,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 3-18.

Won - BREEZY GUST

g, 6, Great Notion–Takenbythebreeze, by Shore Breeze.
O-Trending Stable, B-Michael Anspach (PA),
T-Josue Arce, J-Dexter Haddock, \$45,000.

Breezy Gust has been a hard-knocker while earning checks for five years. Racing mostly at Parx, the son of Maryland-based leading sire Great Notion has ventured out on a rare occasion without much success. But trainer Josue Arce found a perfect spot for Trending Stable's 6-year-old gelding on March 18, Laurel's Not For Love Stakes for Maryland-bred or -sired 4-year-olds and up, and Breezy Gust delivered for his first stakes win.

Facing even-money favorite Eastern Bay, a millionaire and winner of the General George Stakes-G3 at Laurel in February, Breezy Gust was also well-backed, going off the 2-1 second choice in the field of seven racing six furlongs.

Ridden by Dexter Haddock, Breezy Gust settled off the pace of 41-1 long shot Kenny Had a Notion and Coastal Mission, through splits of :22.41, :45.88 and :57.97. Breezy Gust advanced four-wide as he set sail after the early leaders, as Eastern Bay was saving ground, but soon found himself in tight quarters in the stretch. Breezy Gust blew past his rivals on the outside and hit the wire one and a quarter lengths ahead of Kenny Had a Notion, who outfinished Eastern Bay by a neck. Final time was 1:10.30, and Breezy Gust earned a 94 Beyer Speed Figure.

Breezy Gust launched his career at 2 for breeder Michael Anspach, recording his first victory in his second start, a Parx maiden special weight in November 2019. He would win once more in the next 11 months for Anspach before being claimed for \$25,000 by Daniel Velazquez for Longball Stables.

For his new connections, he won three straight and tackled the 2021 Page McKenney Handicap, finishing third. He then made his first two starts outside of Pennsylvania and failed to finish either – the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint Series Stakes on Preakness Day at Pimlico, and an allowance that June at Delaware Park. It was nearly six months before he returned.



BREEZY GUST - Not For Love Stakes (Jim McCue/MJC)

Making 18 starts since, he has won or placed 13 times and ran third in last year's Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes. Risked for a tag last May, he was claimed for \$15,000 by Ernesto Padilla-Preciado for Mike Pimentel. One race later Arce took him back for the same price. With his stakes win, Breezy Gust has a record of 30-10-6-4 and earnings of \$387,035.

Breezy Gust is out of Takenbythebreeze, a claiming mare who raced most of her 50 starts for Anspach. Making her final start in 2012 and retiring with earnings of \$182,935, Takenbythebreeze (by Shore Breeze) was bred for the first time to Fairbanks in 2015. That 2016 filly, named Blazing Breeze, never started, but is now a broodmare for Anspach. Takenbythebreeze's second foal is Breezy Gust. She has since produced a filly by Madefromlucky named Lucky Breeze, now 4, currently racing for Anspach; an unraced 2020 gelding named Bullet Breeze currently in training at Penn National; and a yearling filly by Uptowncharlybrown. ■

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[CICADA S, AQU, \\$100,000, 3YOF, 6F, 3/18.](#)

2nd - Tappin Josie

f, 3, Anchor Down–Homemaker, by Afternoon Deelites.
(\$15,000 2021 FTMOCT) O-Darryl E. Abramowitz,
B-Charles Blanford (PA), \$20,000.

[WASHINGTON CROSSING S, PRX, \\$75,000, 4YO/UP, 1M&70Y, 3-7.](#)

2nd - Prince of Rain

g, 6, El Padrino–Cimarron Rain, by Indian Charlie.
O-Z and Z Stables, B-Angelo Zalalas (PA), \$14,400.

[FISHTOWN S, PRX, \\$75,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 3-7.](#)

2nd - Smooth B

h, 8, Weigelia - Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico.
O-LC Racing, B-St. Omer's Farm and WynOaks Farm LLC
(PA), \$14,400.

[CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE S, PRX, \\$75,000, 3YO, 1M&70Y, 3-6.](#)

2nd - Time to Cruise

c, 3, First Dude–Majestic Melresa, by Majestic Warrior.
(\$23,000 2021 FTMOCT; \$40,000 2022 FTMMAY).
O-Morris E. Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs Racing and Jagger Inc.,
B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (PA), \$14,700.

[SAND SPRINGS S, GP, \\$150,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 4-1.](#)

3rd - Love in the Air

m, 5, Constitution–Lovely Syn, by Freud.
(\$280,000 2019 KEESEP; \$130,000 2021 FTKHRA)
O-Main Line Racing Stable, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA),
\$14,400.

[COLUMBIA S, TAM, \\$75,000, 3YO, 1MT, 3-11.](#)

3rd - A Western Yarn

c, 3, Eastwood–Basket Stitch, by Tiznow. (\$45,000 2021
FTMOCT) O-Mark B. Grier, B-Equivine Farm LLC (PA),
\$7,500.

[SOCIETY HILL S, PRX, \\$75,000, 3YOF, 6 1/2F, 3-6.](#)

3rd - Broadwaycharlyrose

f, 3, Eastwood–Charlybrown's Rose, by
Uptowncharlybrown. O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC
and Whiskey Run Stables LLC, B-Uptowncharlybrown
Stud LLC (PA), \$7,350.

[WASHINGTON CROSSING S, PRX, \\$75,000, 4YO/UP, 1M&70Y, 3-7.](#)

3rd - Ruby Bleu

g, 9, Messner–Ruby Soul, by Perfect Soul (IRE).
O-Albert R. Lupcho Jr., B-Donald L. Brown Jr. (PA), \$7,200.



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