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Nimitz Class as a foal, by Layne Shaffer

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congratulations to Weigelia for topping the leading stallion list for PA stallion awards for the first time in 2022! The late Jump Start held this title each year from 2015 through 2021. Weigelia topped the list with \$186,200.86 in stallion awards earned across 312 races. In addition, he led the charge with four individual stakes winners (Beren, Smooth B, Disco Ebo, and Ninetypercentmaddie) in 2022. Weigelia stands at WynOaks Farm in Delta, PA.

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 1 m 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 are \$500 for 2yos if paid by March 31. You can go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) under 'Forms' or 'Featured' and print the nomination form. Our 2023 Pa-Bred Stakes schedule with \$4,000,000 in purses is now available online under 'Stakes' and a copy is in this edition. It will also be mailed shortly.

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. The new form is available for use by going to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) under 'Forms' and is now mandatory for registration. 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!



Brian Sanfratello  
Executive Secretary

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# IN 2023

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# Arrowwood Farms Raises Strong, Straight Racehorses

by Nikki Sherman

It took some time, but now many Thoroughbred breeding farms have become hip to the idea of social media, especially during this time of year as every horse person on it is eagerly awaiting the foal photos to start appearing. Arrowwood Farms in York Springs, Pa., is one of the very best at indulging its over 1,600 followers with their babies, racehorses, broodmares and even retirees in new careers. Because of their active presence on Facebook, quality PA-Breds like Jakarta, Kaylasaurus and Nimitz Class have been showcased on a national level.

Yet it was not always like this. Owner Tom Coulter was vehemently against the idea but eventually he realized the market was changing. He gave farm manager Layne Shaffer the go ahead in 2017 and since then many horsemen and fans have grown to recognize the Arrowwood Farms name.

“We certainly seem to have a little bit of a following,” said Shaffer. “If that gets even one person to see everything that goes into (a breeding facility) and appreciate it a little more, then it is a win in my eyes.”

Coulter purchased the 250-acre property in Adams County over 20 years ago and named it Arrowwood Farms. The farm housed a multitude of special foliage which is the ideal wood for arrow-making.

“Arrowwood is a native bush that produces strong, straight branches used by the Native Americans for arrows,” Coulter said. “That’s what we’re raising - strong, straight horses that defeat their opponents.”



Floo Powder and Layne Shaffer, taken by Canter Clix

As breeders, Arrowwood Farms has been extremely successful over the last decade, landing in the top 10 Pennsylvania breeders by total earnings since 2016. Coulter also races many of his homebreds and has been rewarded with several stakes winners. At first he sold the colts and kept the fillies so that they could return to the farm’s broodmare band upon retirement. This did not last long though because soon enough the sales market crashed, so Coulter decided to race all of his stock.

“Somewhere along the way I think he was truly just having too much fun watching them run to sell anything,” Shaffer said with a laugh.

This philosophy granted the farm the opportunity to race current 4-year-old Nimitz Class, who is already a multiple stakes winner. The son of Munnings out of the stakes-winning Flatter

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Kaylasaurus, Photo by Kayla Brilhart

mare Five Diamonds was not easy to handle as a foal and earned the telling nickname “Bad Chad” by farm employees. Shaffer remembers that when the colt returned from Kentucky, he was much easier to manage. This was thanks to help from Charlie and Jess Rimer, whose farm he had been at while in the Bluegrass State.

“Charlie passed away last year and I know he’s smiling down on what his ‘Bad Chad’ has accomplished,” said Shaffer fondly.

“(Nimitz Class) has certainly been phenomenal to watch and I think he’s getting better with age. Last year when he won the Danzig Stakes at Penn National, I was away but was screaming and crying like a fool when he won because it was our 300th win. They Facetimed me from the winner’s circle so I’m ‘there’ since, by chance, I was also there for the 100th and 200th win. I’m proud that my daughter was there for all three!”

Since then, Nimitz Class has also captured the Robert T. Manfuso Stakes and John B. Campbell Stakes. He has seven wins

from 13 starts and is just short of \$300,000 in career earnings, with a very bright future, especially heading into the start of the 2023 PA-Bred stakes schedule.

Looking even further forward towards turf season, Shaffer is excited to see several homebreds return for their 2023 campaigns. Maldives Model is a lightly-raced 5-year-old daughter of Petionville who won the Lyphard Stakes at Penn National last year. During her career she has also finished on the board in the Maryland Million Ladies Stakes at Laurel and Princess of Sylmar and Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle Downs. Another promising turf horse is a similarly lightly-raced gelding named Live Fire, a son of First Samurai who has five wins from 17 starts.

“We have a lovely 3-year-old out of our first stakes-winning mare Item that we are bringing back slowly after a minor injury,” Shaffer said. “New Hire was a really good horse for us last year. (winning four of nine and on the board four times). Organized

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Chaos is another that I think we finally have figured out and has the potential to be a fun one to watch this year.”

Before Nimitz Class came his older full sister Kaylasaurus, who was named for a former Arrowwood Farms employee. The mare won five races impressively for her breeder before one final start in an allowance/optional claimer at Penn National on November 30, 2021. Kaylasaurus won that one too but this time had been entered for the claiming tag and was taken by Bush Racing and Liberty House Racing for \$25,000.

Shaffer noted, “We had actually intended to bring her home after that race and add her to the broodmare herd. I’m so happy for (her new owners) for all the fun and success they had with her, and grateful that they allowed her namesake to continue to enjoy being part of her career.”

Immediately after the claim, Kaylasaurus captured the Willa On the Move Stakes at Laurel, followed that up with a second in the What A Summer Stakes, and later also won the Primonetta Stakes along with two more stakes placings. She was sold last year through the Keeneland November sale for \$270,000 to JLM Estates/Milburn Creek Stud.

Back at Arrowwood Farms, there are 23 active broodmares with five foals born so far. They expect 16 foals and are most excited for several by Practical Joke. Other stallions they intend to use or already have mares in foal to are Silver State, Mo Donegal, Vino Rosso, Classic Empire, McKinzie, Audible and Early Voting.

“It’s truly going to be a stacked foal crop next year,” said Shaffer. “I’m quite smitten with the War of Will filly we had that just left for Kentucky with her dam. We always try to keep the more commercial mares going to the more commercial stallions so we always have that option to sell.”

Shaffer continued, specifically noting, “I think the PA-Bred program is one of the best out there really and it is what drew Tom (Coulter) to the state in the first place. Even though we breed mostly to Kentucky stallions in the interest of being more appealing at the sales, we are still able to benefit greatly from the program. I think there are a lot of good options in the state as far as stallions if you want to go 100% into it as far as PA-Bred/PA-Sired, and even just for someone getting started.”

Arrowwood Farms is also very active in Thoroughbred aftercare for their homebreds. If at any time they feel that a youngster won’t make it to the races, they offer the horse to the public on social media but are very careful about placement. Former broodmares and retired geldings are also offered for sale.

A special story revolves around T J’s Stormy Wit, the dam of multiple stakes winner Jakarta. The maiden mare violently rejected Jakarta when she was foaled. Luckily Jakarta was able to be saved and turned into the quality racehorse that she was destined to be. Shaffer took T J’s Stormy Wit after the mare had clearly decided she was not interested in being a mother and she is now a foxhunter.

Shaffer herself has taken several homebreds to competitions, with the most well-known being a handsome gray named Floo Powder. The duo contested the 2021 Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) Barrel Racing Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park and were the 1D Average Winner. She also took Inclement Weather to the 2018 Thoroughbred Makeover and hopes to take a very special horse in her heart, Noteworthy, to the 2024 Thoroughbred Makeover.

“The Paulick Report ran a blurb about (Floo Powder) afterwards and Tom texted me about it. I still have a screenshot of that text on my phone,” Shaffer proudly remembers. “I love watching our Arrowwood grads go on to second careers. I always say that I don’t know what is more special to me – watching them go be racehorses or watching them go be jumpers, barrel racers, endurance horses, whatever it may be.” ■



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<b>Peace And Justice</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>
Weigelia	16	11
Uptowncharlybrown	12	12
Warrior's Reward	9	9
Wicked Strong	5	5

\*STATS AS OF 2/20/2023

## LIFETIME:

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# Breeders' Cup Presents

## Connections: Having Pennsylvania-Bred On Road To The Classics Is 'Why We're In The Game'



Angel of Empire as a yearling in July of 2021; (inset) Christina and Christian Black

**by Chelsea Hackbarth**

It was a perfect “circle of life” moment: breeder Christian Black watched Angel of Empire upset the Grade 2 Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds from the foaling office at Blackstone Farm in Pennsylvania, patiently awaiting the birth of the next generation.

“I believe I ran out and jumped up and down like a 20-year-old for a couple minutes out there,” said Black. “(Trainer) Brad Cox obviously had three horses in there, and this one was the less well-meant of the three, but I was obviously a little biased so I didn’t quite understand that. He’s always wanted to go long; he was a horse that looked like that even as a yearling. Watching him win with my night watch person...If you don’t get excited about that you probably shouldn’t be in the business. It’s why we’re in the game.”

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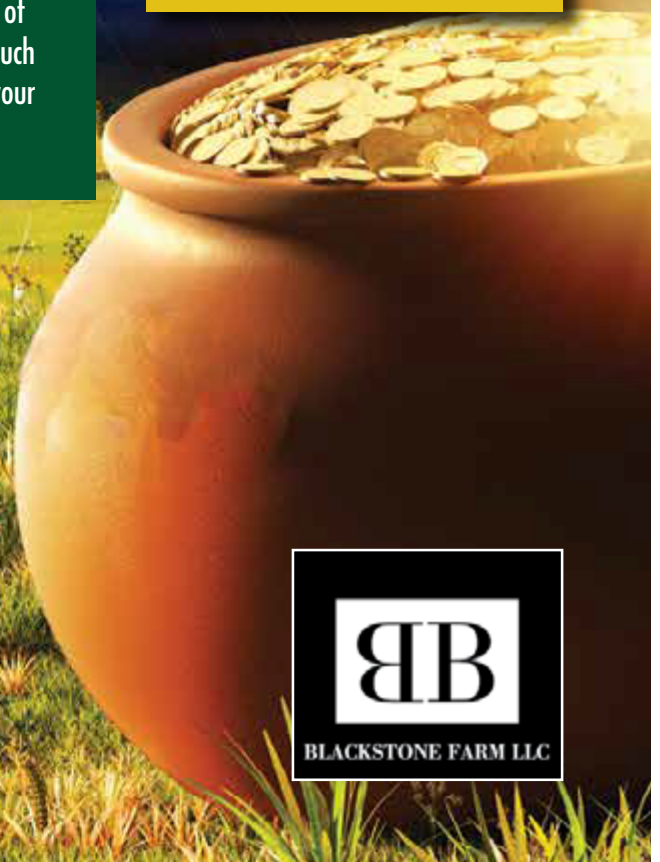
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The aforementioned mare foaled a healthy baby about an hour after the race.

“It was a very good evening on Saturday,” Black said. “As much as this interview is happening because there’s something good going on, that’s not the most important thing to me. When you walk out each morning and see your babies in the fields and just see the life out there, that’s when I truly appreciate everything. It’s that simple.”

Born and raised in Denmark, Black became involved with horses via riding lessons. When he went to university, Black took a job mucking stalls to make extra money.

Black moved to the United States in 2006, and met his wife Christina in New York City. Christina was from Lancaster, Pa., so the couple began looking for property nearby.

There was a farm for sale in Pine Grove which was owned by Douglas Black (no relation), though the owner wasn’t especially motivated to sell. Instead, Christian Black sat down with the owner and came up with a partnership. Officially, the two partnered in 2010.

Christian Black is now best-known as a managing partner in Blackstone Farm, the leading breeder in Pennsylvania since 2019. The 350-acre Blackstone operation, located about 40 miles northeast of Harrisburg, has produced horses like millionaire Tom’s Ready, MATCH Series Champion Bronx Beauty, as well as Pennsylvania champion and graded stakes winner The Critical Way.

“The state has a great program that was associated with the slots being approved,” said Black, “but we decided when we came in here that we wanted to make sure that we bred mares and foals that had commercial value for any owner, whether in Pennsylvania or not.”

Angel of Empire is also a Pennsylvania-bred, though Christian Black bred this particular colt under an entity he solely



Angel of Empire winning the Risen Star under Luis Saez, Hodges Photography

owns. Black purchased Angel of Empire’s dam, Armony’s Angel (by To Honor and Serve), for \$67,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November sale. She was in foal to Classic Empire at the time, carrying Angel of Empire in utero.

The mare was included with a group of others who were supposed to have gone on to another owner, but the deal fell through and Black wound up keeping the lot.

“Sometimes we take it on the chin,” he quipped. “Of course, looking back, it’s a pretty good deal now.”

Like most of the mares Black purchases for the Blackstone program, Armony’s Angel wasn’t classified as a top of the market, high-end broodmare prospect.

“We don’t buy in the top end of the market, because we didn’t want to build our broodmare band like that,” he said. “You hope to find the best individual that you can with the best gene pool you can, but you have to compromise; sometimes you buy gene pool and sometimes you buy individual.”

“The way we do it, we look far down in the pedigree, looking for talent that might jump up in the next generation. Sometimes we have to build or develop that strain of the family ourselves, but I’m a big believer in that there can be very good racemares that can produce daughters that aren’t so good on the track, but

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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

## KEITHSENDHELLOOOO

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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who then produce an excellent next generation.”

Armony’s Angel is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Conquest Big E, so her page had a bit of class to it, but Black said she was purchased more on the merits of her physical type. When the colt was born the following April, Black continued to be pleased with the investment.

“We all kind of stand there and look at them and see if we can look into the future,” Black reflected. “He was kind of an immature sort, kept kind of growing and turning into a two-turn yearling, so I think his sales price reflected that. He was probably not what the main market wants, because he didn’t have that big hip developed yet. But always had a big walk and big movement, and he was very straightforward as a foal. Sometimes we want to kind of reinvent the wheel, or to tell you that we knew, but he was just straightforward. When you’d walk out there to the paddock to check on him, he just looked at you and said, ‘Hey, I’m good.’”

Angel of Empire brought a final bid of \$70,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale from Albaugh Family Stables, and went into training with Brad Cox. Including the Risen Star, the colt now boasts three wins from five starts for earnings of \$330,000.

Armony’s Angel has gone on to produce a 2021 colt by [Collected](#), Third City, as well as a 2022 full brother to Angel of Empire. Third City brought \$23,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton July sale, a price Black believes belied a lack of commercial appeal at that time.

The full brother, now a yearling, is a May 20 foal, but Black is excited for his future.

“He’s an absolute cracker of a May foal; you would not point him out in the field with all the other colts and say he’s a May foal,” said Black. “He may go to Keeneland September or to Fasig-Tipton Saratoga. I don’t think he’s going to be the one to make that decision for us.”

While it may be a bit early to be looking at plans for the first Saturday in May, the 50 points earned via his Risen Star win will likely ensure that Angel of Empire has a spot in the Kentucky Derby if his connections so choose.

When Tom’s Ready entered the 2016 Kentucky Derby, Black was unable to make it to Churchill Downs to watch as the colt finished 12th. This year, if Angel of Empire should make it into that starting gate, Black will make plans to attend the race in person.

“You know, this is four years on from when we started the process,” he reflected. “There are a lot of hands they have to go through to get to this point, and everything has to go right at each step along the way. I’m very grateful for the connections that buy these horses and all the people that take such good care of them.”

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# Press Release



## **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association announces 29 state-bred stakes for 2023**

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association has released its 2023 stakes schedule for state-bred horses, with 29 stakes to be run at Pennsylvania tracks throughout the year, seven for PA-Sired PA-Bred runners.

Two-year-olds will have added opportunities, as the 2-Year-Old PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series has expanded in its second year to six stakes worth nearly \$1 million.

The first of 23 stakes with purses of \$100,000 to will be run Monday, April 24 at Parx Racing: the Unique Bella for fillies and mares, and the Page McKenney Handicap, each at seven furlongs for older horses.

Penn National will host four \$100,000 stakes on its Penn Mile card on Friday, June 2 – two for 3-year-olds and two on the turf for older horses.

State-bred stakes action continues at Parx and Presque Isle Downs throughout the summer, with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's signature event, Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, to be held on Monday, August 21 at Parx. Seven \$100,000 stakes, including the first legs of the 2-Year-Old PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series – the Whistle Pig and Miss Blue Tye Dye (for fillies) run at 5 1/2 furlongs – are on the card that celebrates state-bred runners.

Next up in the 2-Year-Old PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series are the Prince Lucky and Imply (the latter for fillies), both worth \$150,000 and run at a distance of 6 1/2 furlongs. They are among the four state-bred stakes offered on Pennsylvania Derby Day on September 23 at Parx.

Presque Isle Downs will host five \$100,000 Pennsylvania-bred stakes starting in July, two for juveniles on back-to-back days in October. The \$200,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes for juvenile fillies will once again be run on Thanksgiving eve at Penn National in November, followed by the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Nursery at Parx six days later.

Over a five-week span at the end of the year, \$800,000 in purses for juveniles is up for grabs as the 2-Year-Old PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series concludes on December 27. New for 2023 are the \$200,000 Wait For It Stakes and \$200,000 Miss Behaviour Stakes (for fillies) to be contested at 1 mile and 70 yards.

In addition, a purse bonus of 25 percent for all PA-Sired PA-Breds in any non-PA-Sired stakes remains in effect this year.



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	Friday, June 2	<b>\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 NEW START STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES</b>	3YO, 6 furlongs 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf
	Monday, June 26	<b>\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES</b>	3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf
	Monday, July 17	<b>\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES</b>	3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs
	Monday, July 24	<b>\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES</b>	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
	Tuesday, July 25	<b>\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES</b>	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
	Monday, August 21	<b>\$100,000 BANJO PICKER SPRINT STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP</b> <b>\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEM. STAKES</b>	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
		<b>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS STAKES:</b> <b>\$100,000 WHISTLE PIG STAKES</b> <b>\$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES</b>	2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5 1/2 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 5 1/2 furlongs
	Saturday, Sept. 23	<b>\$100,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP</b> <b>\$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES</b>	3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
	Monday, Oct. 16	<b>\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES</b>	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Oct. 17	<b>\$100,000 MARK MCDERMOTT STAKES</b>	2YO, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Oct. 24	<b>3 &amp; up PA-SIRED PA-BRED STAKES:</b> <b>\$100,000 JUMP START STAKES</b>	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Nov. 22	<b>\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES</b>	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Nov. 28	<b>\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES</b>	2YO, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Dec. 27	<b>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:</b> <b>\$200,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES</b> <b>\$200,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES</b>	2YO, 1 mile 70 yards 2YO fillies, 1 mile 70 yards

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HIP	YEAR OF BIRTH	COLOR	SEX	NAME	SIRE	DAM	SIRE OF DAM	COVERING SIRE	BREEDER	CONSIGNOR	Buyer	Price
<a href="#">13</a>	2/25/22	DKB	F		GLOBAL CAMPAIGN	A LADY WITH AN ACE	FIRST SAMURAI		BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT XXIV	Respect the Valleys LLC	15,000
<a href="#">20</a>	4/5/22	B	C		BOLT D'ORO	AMBER GRACE	ELUSIVE QUALITY		BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT XXIV	Crockett Farm	75,000
<a href="#">129</a>	3/20/10	CH	M	EASY A	MORE THAN READY	LA WILDCAT	FOREST WILDCAT	IRISH WAR CRY	ARROWWOOD FARM	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT VIII	Steve Williams	2,000
<a href="#">477</a>	3/24/22	B	F		BOLT D'ORO	SUMMER'S READY	MORE THAN READY		BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT XXIV	Machmer Hall	75,000
<a href="#">478</a>	2/10/20	B	F	DRONNING	BERNARDINI	QUEEN SCHEHERAZADE	SMART STRIKE		BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT XXIV	not sold	75,000
<a href="#">482</a>	4/6/22	B	F		UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN	IMAGISTIC	DEPUTY MINISTER		DANIELLE MARIE	BLAKE-ALBINA THOROUGHBRED SERVICES LLC, AGENT III	Steven W Young, agent	25,000
<a href="#">522</a>	3/26/20	DKB	C	TEMPO CRESCENDO	MENDELSSOHN	R FROSTY ONE	SOUTHERN SUCCESS		BRANDY ROJAS	KIRKWOOD EQUINE ADVISORY, AGENT II	Ben Mondello	16,000
<a href="#">542</a>	5/16/22	DKB	F		HONOR A. P.	SOFTLY LIT	LATENT HEAT		BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY AGENT XXIV	Chuck Givens	47,000

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Hip #	Foaling Date	Color	Sex	Name	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor
<a href="#">42</a>	3/16/2021	CH	C		Collected	Silver Diva	Circular Quay	Forgotten Land Investment Inc	J V C Training and Sales
<a href="#">245</a>	4/3/2021	B	C		Maclean's Music	Amy Farah Fowler	Astrology	Ron G Potts	Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIX
<a href="#">327</a>	1/29/2021	B	C		Bernardini	Brilliancy	Exchange Rate	Blackstone Farm LLC	James Layden, Agent II
<a href="#">338</a>	3/5/2021	B	C		Solomini	Candy Trade	Candy Ride (ARG)	Windylea Farm New York LLC	Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XXI
<a href="#">404</a>	4/9/2021	DB/BR	F	Era	Brody's Cause	Cycle (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Barlar LLC	Old South Farm LLC, Agent
<a href="#">495</a>	3/26/2021	DB/BR	C		Collected	Giddy Up	High Cotton	Forgotten Land Investment Inc	Paul Sharp, Agent I
<a href="#">575</a>	1/11/2021	GR/RO	F		Leofric	Jurere	Take Charge Indy	Amber Cobb	JMC Sales, Agent I
<a href="#">816</a>	4/2/2021	B	F		Bernardini	Rhys	Storm Cat	Blackstone Farm LLC	Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent

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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

[RISEN STAR S-G2, FG, \\$400,000, 3YO, 1 1/8M, 2-18.](#)

## 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-Luis Saez, \$240,000.

One of a packed field of 14, Angel of Empire made full use of the Fair Grounds’ stretch in his graded stakes debut. At least six paths wide he found clear sailing turning for home and drew off to win the Grade 2 Risen Star Stakes on Feb. 18.

The Risen Star was the first stakes of the “Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series” for 3-year-olds being pointed to the Kentucky Derby, and was worth 50 points to the winner.

A bay son of 2016 2-year-old champion Classic Empire bred by Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp, Angel of Empire entered the Risen Star after finishing second on New Year’s Day in his stakes debut, Oaklawn Park’s Smarty Jones Stakes. The winner that day by three lengths was Victory Formation, who went off as the 9-5 favorite in the Risen Star. Angel of Empire was double-digit odds at nearly 14-1.

Sent out by Brad Cox for Albaugh Family Stables, who purchased the colt out of the Keeneland September Yearling sale for \$70,000, Angel of Empire ran in similar fashion as in his previous four starts – galloping along behind the early leaders, biding his time. With jockey Luis Saez aboard for the first time, Angel of Empire saved ground midpack in the early stages, began to move up about four paths out while between horses around the far turn, and had an open view to the finish as he swung into the stretch. It was a battle to the wire, which Angel of Empire survived, edging clear to win by a length. Victory Formation retreated to ninth, 15 1/2 lengths back after being prominent early. The final time for the mile and an eighth was 1:51.47.

Angel of Empire launched his career at Horseshoe Indianapolis at 2, winning both his starts at the Indiana track, each at one mile. His debut came on Aug. 9; after an uninspired effort on the Kentucky Downs turf in September, he scored big in allowance company at Horseshoe Indianapolis in November



ANGEL OF EMPIRE, Photo by Hodges photography

to finish his season.

Now with a record of three wins and a second in five starts, he has earnings of \$330,000.

Angel of Empire was bred in partnership by Christian Black, out of a mare purchased by Black in the name of Black Diamond Equine Corp for \$67,000 while carrying the future graded stakes winner. A daughter of To Honor and Serve, Armony’s Angel had placed in three of her eight career starts, and the flashiest thing about her catalog page (hip #1341) was that she was a half-sister to two stakes winners, including graded winner Conquest Big E, and her dam was a half-sister to graded winners Softly and Coragil Cat. (For more on Black’s purchase of Armony’s Angel, see the article on page 10 in this Report).

Angel of Empire ranks second on the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard (through Feb. 25) with 54 total points (having gotten four points for his Smarty Jones effort – a Derby “Prep Season” stakes, which most likely is enough to secure a spot in the Derby field. ■

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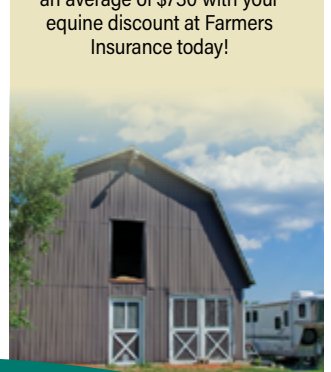
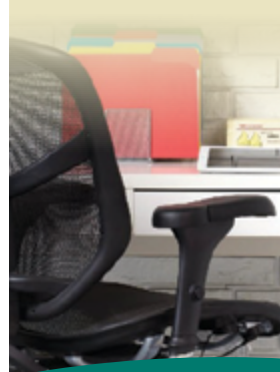
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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## EL CAMINO REAL DERBY, GG, \$100,000, 3YO, 1 1/8M, 2-11.

### Won - CHASE THE CHAOS

g, 3, Astern (AUS) - Live the Moment, by Uncle Mo.  
(\$10,000 2020 KEENOV). O-Adam Ference and Bill Dory,  
B-Mr. and Mrs. Dale N. Krapf (PA), \$60,000.

Chase the Chaos is a PA-Bred racing far from home. And he has his connections thinking of a trip to Kentucky after clearing his rivals with a late burst of speed in the El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate Fields on Feb. 11.

Sent out by longtime Golden Gate-based trainer Ed Moger for owners Adam Ference and Bill Dory, Chase the Chaos had been working his way up the ladder for his stakes-winning performance. Never off the board in his first five starts, he scored a maiden special weight win in his second start at 2 going a mile on the turf at Canterbury Park. Sent to California, he made his stakes debut in Golden Gate's Golden Nugget and finished third. He was one spot better next out in the Gold Rush Stakes in December before completing his season with a dominating seven and a half-length allowance victory over the same Tapeta surface.

The El Camino Real Derby at a mile and an eighth was Chase the Chaos' first start of 2023, and boosted his career earnings to \$123,000 in six starts. Although not nominated to the Triple Crown, he earned 10 qualifying points for the Kentucky Derby as well as an automatic berth into the Preakness Stakes and will be supplemented for \$6,000. In 2021, Rombauer won the El Camino Real Derby on his way to a Preakness victory.

Those around Chase the Chaos believe he has the goods to take them the classic distance. "I think he's that kind of a horse," Moger told the Daily Racing Form.

Chase the Chaos takes another step up as Moger has entered him in the \$400,000 Grade 2 San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita on March 4 – which will be his first start on dirt. A win is also worth 50 Derby points, more than enough to get into the Kentucky Derby field.



CHASE THE CHAOS, Photo by Vassar Photography

"I've liked him since the first time I saw him," said Moger. "He's a big, beautiful horse. He's a really good mover and very athletic."

Bill and Sandy Dory purchased Chase the Chaos for \$10,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale as a weanling out of the Ballysax Bloodstock's consignment. Chase the Chaos was bred by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Krapf and foaled at Krapf Farm in West Grove, PA. By top Australian sprinter Astern (Aus), a son of Medaglia d'Oro (sire of Preakness winner Rachel Alexandra), Chase the Chaos is the first foal out of Live the Moment, a winning daughter of Uncle Mo and the Jump Start mare From Jump Street. The Krapfs purchased Live the Moment with Chase the Chaos in utero at the 2019 Keeneland November sale for \$10,000 from Godolphin; they sold the mare at the same sale two years later for \$20,000 in foal to Take Charge Indy. ■

# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## JOHN B. CAMPBELL S, LRL, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 1 1/16M, 2-18.

### 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 captured his second stakes in a row and looked sensational doing it when taking the 67th running of the John B. Campbell Stakes at Laurel Park on Feb. 18 by four and a half lengths.

Making his 4-year-old debut, and his first start since a victory in the Robert T. Manfuso Stakes on Dec. 30, Nimitz Class went off the 9-5 favorite in the field of nine and proved eager from the start. Breaking sharply, he vied for the lead with longshot Ain't Da Beer Cold, was on top at every call of the mile and a sixteenth, and rolled home in 1:42.29. He earned a 101 Beyer Speed Figure, the fifth highest of the year to date for older runners at more than a mile on the main track.

A homebred for Tom Coulter's Arrowwood Farm trained by Bruce Kravets, Nimitz Class got his seventh career win in 13 starts and pushed his earnings to just shy of \$300,000. He also won the Danzig Stakes at Penn National in his stakes debut last June, and was second in the Concern Stakes at Laurel.

By Munnings out of Flatter's stakes-winning daughter Five

## GULFSTREAM PARK SPRINT S, GP, \$125,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 2-25.

### 2nd - Uncle Ernie

g, 5, Talent Search – Mary Cole, by Broken Vow.  
O-Gilman Hallenbeck, B-Gilman Hallenbeck (PA),  
\$24,500.

## GENERAL GEORGE S-G3, LRL, \$250,000, 4YO/UP, 7F, 2-18.

### 3rd - Beren

c, 5, Weigelia - Silmaril, by Diamond.  
O-St. Omer's Farm and Christopher J. Feifarek, B-Susan C.  
Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek (PA), \$25,000.



NIMITZ CLASS, photo by Jim McCue/MJC photo

Diamonds, Nimitz Class is a full-brother to multiple stakes winner Kaylasaurus, who was third or better in five of six starts in 2022, won Laurel's Primonetta Stakes last April, was second in the What A Summer and Alma North Stakes, third in the Susquehanna Valley Stakes and fourth once, in the Grade 3 Barbara Fritchie Stakes. An earner of \$350,683 from 25 starts, Kaylasaurus sold as a racing or broodmare prospect at the 2022 Keeneland November sale for \$270,000.

Of Five Diamonds' six foals of racing age, four are winners. The mare's current 3-year-old Totonaco (by Free Drop Billy) didn't race at 2; she has a Lookin At Lucky yearling colt named Quittin' Time and was bred back to Mendelssohn for this year. ■

## STYMIE S, AQU, \$125,000, 4YO/UP, 1M, 2-25.

### 3rd - Far Mo Power

g, 5, Uncle Lino – J. D. Safari, by Power by Far.  
O-Joseph E. Sutton, B-Peter Giangiulio (PA), \$15,000.





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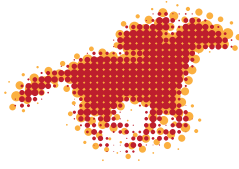


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