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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Just a couple of days before the big race and we wish the Christian Black bred Angel of Empire good luck as he tries to become the third PA-Bred to win the Kentucky Derby! He is the third choice in the morning line at 8 to1 and his trainer Brad Cox thinks he has a good shot, so cross your fingers for a safe and winning trip. Multiple graded stakes winner Caravel, bred by Liz Merryman, will be running at Churchill on Friday in the Unbridled Sidney. Good luck to all her connections. Hopefully, it will be a fantastic weekend for Pennsylvania.

Last call for banquet tickets! The 2022 Iroquois Award Winners will be recognized at our Annual Banquet on May 12th at The Inn at Mendenhall in Chadds Ford. Invitations have been sent by email or give us a call to reserve your seats.

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.

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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!!



Brian Sanfratello
Executive Secretary

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PENNSYLVANIA IS BREEDING GROUNDS FOR DERBY WINNERS

Smarty Jones

by Nikki Sherman

Kentucky Derby week means that all eyes are on Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., watching the nation's top three-year-olds prepare for the Run for the Roses. This year one of the favorites is Angel of Empire, who boasts wins in the Risen Star Stakes (G2) and Arkansas Derby (G1). He also finished second in the Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn Park, a race named for the

most famous racehorse in Pennsylvania. Angel of Empire and Smarty Jones also share a very special detail: both were bred in the Keystone State.

The very first PA-Bred winner of the Kentucky Derby was one of the least expected right from his birth. Health

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problems, conformation issues and a separate international superstar from the same crop led to a PA-Bred Derby longshot, Lil E. Tee.

Successful businessman Lawrence Littman retired at the ripe age of 53. The casual gambler was not ready to fully retire so he decided to breed and race Thoroughbred racehorses. One of his first forays into the game was with a mare named Eileen's Moment. The dark bay granddaughter of Hawaii was simply not meant to be a racehorse as she finished no better than seventh in six career starts. Despite her poor race record Littman decided that she was worth breeding due to her sire being For the Moment, a Grade 1 winner.

Littman sent Eileen's Moment to At the Threshold, who had finished third in the Kentucky Derby, and then shipped her to Dr. William Solomon's Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, Pa. Littman had heard about the great bonuses offered by the Pennsylvania breeding program and wanted to take advantage of those benefits.

On March 29, 1989 Eileen's Moment foaled an awkward-looking bay colt who from the onset had health issues. He struggled early with nursing which resulted in an immune deficiency and then had colic so persistently that surgery was required to save his life.

Because of the colt's odd conformation and how he looked when he hollered for his dam with his head in the air, Littman decided to name him after the 1982 movie ET's main character. Littman added his own initials to the name and so



Lil E. Tee

the colt was officially named Lil E. Tee.

Lil E. Tee was passed around to several horsemen for low amounts of money before he was finally sold as a juvenile for \$25,000 to Al Jevremovic. Lil E. Tee finished second first time out and then won a maiden special weight by an impressive 11 ½ lengths, catching the attention of trainer Lynn Whiting and owner Cal Partee. The duo had campaigned the colt's father At the Threshold and Whiting was even more excited about Lil E. Tee. Partee purchased the colt for \$200,000 and sent him to Kentucky where he added another first and second to his resume.

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His three-year-old campaign started with a victory in an allowance at Oaklawn Park and then he stepped up to stakes company next, finishing third in the Southwest Stakes. Whiting shipped Lil E. Tee to Turfway Park where the colt captured his first stakes win in the Jim Beam Stakes (G2), and then a third-place finish in the Arkansas Derby (G2) stamped his ticket to the big dance.

That was the year in which Arazi captured the eyes of the nation. He had won the 1991 Breeders' Cup Juvenile in scintillating fashion. But the French colt just didn't have it in the 1992 Kentucky Derby. Meanwhile Lil E. Tee was caught in traffic near the back of the pack going into the first turn. Whiting admitted to losing hope at that point but jockey Pat Day gave a masterful ride, sweeping past Casual Lies on the outside in mid-stretch to capture the Kentucky Derby by a length at 17-1. Arazi finished eighth.

"Do you believe this S-O-B is going to win?!" shouted Lynn Whiting as Lil E. Tee took the lead.

"We're gonna win it! We're gonna win it!" Partee yelled alongside his trainer. It was Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day's one and only victory in the Kentucky Derby.

A fifth-place finish in the Preakness Stakes (G1) was Lil E. Tee's only out of the money finish in his career but there was a reason, as he came out of the race with chips in both front ankles. Partee decided to halt his champion's sophomore season and sent him in for surgery to remove the bone chips.

Lil E. Tee returned successfully as a four-year-old, capturing an allowance and then the Razorback Handicap (G2). His last race was a second-place finish in the Oaklawn Handicap (G1).

"He just had that look about him," Whiting said. "People thought because of his name that he was diminutive in stature. But he was a lot of horse. We thought he could be anything."

Illness and a fracture ended his career, but Lil E. Tee was a Kentucky Derby winner so he was valuable as a stallion. He retired with 7 wins from 13 starts and earnings of \$1,437,506. He entered stud duty in 1994 at Old Frankfort Stud in Kentucky and while he could never reproduce his Derby-winning talent, he did sire twenty stakes winners. Lil E. Tee lived the rest of his life at Old Frankfort Stud and was euthanized on March 18, 2009 due to complications from colic.

Pennsylvania's other Kentucky Derby winner had an entirely different story. Smarty Jones was born on February 28, 2001. The chestnut colt was sired by top stallion Elusive Quality and was out of multiple stakes winner I'll Get Along. Roy and Patricia Chapman's Someday Farm sent their prized homebred to trainer John Servis at Philadelphia Park and from there began the career that would take Pennsylvanians on the ride of a lifetime.

Smarty Jones broke his maiden at Philadelphia Park on November 9, 2003 by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths under a hand ride by Stewart Elliott and followed that up with an eye-opening 15-length score in the Pennsylvania Nursery. In just two races, the PA-Bred had earned a chance to try open company.

His three-year-old season began in early January at Aqueduct Race Track in New York. The Count Fleet Stakes gave Smarty Jones his first test, as he stumbled at the start and was then caught three-wide. These small speed bumps were nothing, for when Stewart Elliott asked the colt for more at the top of the stretch he responded with ease, drawing off to a five-length victory.

Trainer John Servis decided to move his best horses to Oaklawn Park that winter, giving Smarty Jones the opportunity to officially join the Triple Crown Trail. The path to the Kentucky Derby would be ironically similar to that of Lil E. Tee.

Smarty Jones debuted at Oaklawn in the Southwest Stakes, where he proved that he could be victorious in a thrilling stretch drive by a short $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length. The Rebel Stakes in his next start would feature his most talented foe to date, Purge, who would eventually win the Grade 1 Cigar Mile. It was the first and only time in his career that he was not the favorite but it did not matter. Smarty Jones romped yet again to a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory. In his final prep for the Derby, Smarty Jones returned to favoritism while remaining undefeated in capturing the \$1 million Arkansas Derby (G1) by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

In the days leading up to the 2004 Kentucky Derby, word spread amongst Pennsylvanians that there was a true PA-Bred and PA-Raced colt named Smarty Jones. Not only was he in the race, but he was the favorite. That afternoon at Churchill Downs the skies opened up in a torrential downpour just an

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hour before the race, turning every inch of dirt into a sloppy quagmire. Smarty Jones had faced an off track before but of course it was not the Kentucky Derby. He was also looking to become the first undefeated winner of the Derby since Seattle Slew in 1977 and Stewart Elliott the first Derby rookie since Ronnie Franklin aboard Spectacular Bid in 1979.

When the gates sprang open, Smarty Jones and Lion Heart jumped to the front and battled tooth and nail all the way to the top of the stretch. It was then that Stewart Elliott asked Smarty Jones for even more. With that, the colt dug in and began to slowly separate himself from Lion Heart, eventually crossing the wire 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -lengths in front.

Could Smarty Jones do it again in Baltimore for the Preakness? The answer was an emphatic “YES” as he walloped the field by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. He was then given a police escort back to Philadelphia Park.

Pennsylvanians, especially those from Philadelphia and its suburbs, partied for two weeks in anticipation of a possible Triple Crown victory by one of their very own. Philadelphia Park allowed over 10,000 fans—more than ten rows deep—onto the grandstand apron to watch a morning training gallop by Smarty Jones. People drove from across the country to see this once-in-a-lifetime horse. Backstretch workers were interrogated by the general public about what it was like to work with racehorses, and then they were given money to bet on “their” horse in the Belmont Stakes.

As expected, Smarty Jones was the overwhelming favorite in the Belmont, a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile grueling marathon. The colt paraded to the post primed and ready to go, then burst to the lead by the half-mile marker. By the top of the stretch fans were already screaming and celebrating. But lurking behind horses was the late-closing Birdstone. With a sixteenth of a mile left, Smarty Jones was starting to show his first signs of tiring and suddenly was head to head with Birdstone, who surged past at 36-1. Smarty Jones valiantly finished second for the first time in his career, a solid eight lengths ahead of the third-place finisher.

Smarty Jones was given a short break but it soon became apparent that he had significant wear and tear from his tight eight-month career. His value as a stallion prospect was too important and he retired from racing later that summer with a career record

of 8 wins and 1 second from 9 starts and earnings of \$7,613,155.

Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky., was given the honor of welcoming Smarty Jones to their stallion roster in 2005. Unfortunately, while he had a better progeny record than his PA-Bred predecessor Lil E. Tee, he was also never able to reproduce his greatness. He has stood at several farms including the historic Calumet Farm but is now back in Pennsylvania at Equistar Training and Breeding in Annville. He regularly receives visits from fans but is most loved by Pat Chapman and Equistar owner Rodney Eckenrode. He is available to breeders for \$3,500.

This Saturday, May 6th, one more PA-Bred looks to join the ranks of Kentucky Derby winner. Angel of Empire took the same Oaklawn Park route as Lil E. Tee and Smarty Jones decades ago. With talent and luck, perhaps the duo will become a trio. Only time will tell.

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Angel Of Empire

Bred in Pennsylvania and Headed to the Kentucky Derby

by Jennifer Starr

With an eye-popping and jaw-dropping 4 1/4 length win in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby on Saturday, April 1, Pennsylvania bred Angel of Empire catapulted onto the Kentucky Derby trail in huge fashion. The Brad Cox-trained colt is by 2017 Arkansas Derby winner Classic Empire out of Armony's Angel, by To Honor and Serve.

The colt went into the Arkansas Derby off his half-length win in the Grade 2 Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds, which was his initial stakes win; he was second in the Smarty Jones at Oaklawn on January 1st.

Angel of Empire was foaled at Blackstone Farm just above Pine Grove, PA. Christian Black of Blackstone Farm describes the beautiful property as about 360 acres of open land. "They are foaled here, and they grow up here," he explained. Then they go on to the marketplace with commercial breeders. We believe in our horses to be raised outside, so we have a lot of run-in sheds. Sunshine and fresh air, I believe, is a big component to a raise a good racehorse."

He is still ecstatic over the colt's huge win in the Arkansas Derby, and his reaction to the win was priceless. "I



ANGEL OF EMPIRE - Photo by Coady Photography

think my wife thought I kind of had a heart attack because I was jumping up and down like I was 20 years old! It was very exciting, obviously, and to a certain degree, emotional."

"It was very surreal, kind of," he added. "It's everything we dream of when we start the process, which is a long process, and this process has to go through so many different hands."

According to the Paulick Report, Angel of Empire was a \$70,000 purchase at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale from the Warrendale Sales consignment. "The reason why he was a \$70,000 yearling was because he was kind of immature, and you had to take your time with this horse," Christian commented. "You had to find an owner that is willing to do that and put the horse in the hands of a trainer that is willing to do that. It was \$70,000, but that was probably because they found a 'diamond in the rough'. Right now, he might be more than a 'diamond in the rough', he might be looking a little more obvious now."

Christian is excited about the colt, and about the prestigious breeding program in Pennsylvania. "Last time we had something like this was Smarty Jones. It's a big deal. It's important for the Pennsylvania breed and the Pennsylvania breeders that we can show, in general, to the U.S. market, that we can produce a very nice horse here."

Getting to that first leg of the Triple Crown is the hope of all breeders and owners, and Christian agrees. "Anybody

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

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KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO

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

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that buys horses, it doesn't matter what level they buy them on, they all dream of the Kentucky Derby. The fact that these people (owners of Angel of Empire) are a big supporter of the market, and it's not the only horse they have in training, and not the only horse they have on the Derby trail, the fact that they are the ones that are bringing him there, that is just a little more rewarding. I'm very happy for them, the owners and the trainers. It's a big deal."

Christian is hoping to be at the Kentucky Derby, but he will have to fit it into his busy schedule. "We have to get the next generation on the ground. Here at the farm, I foal all our mares and all our foals, or at least I try to," he laughed. "We will see how the schedule looks, but if the schedule allows it, I will be at the Derby."

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) was also brimming with excitement over Angel of Empire, and the rich breeding program in Pennsylvania, consistently turning out champion racehorses.

"Pennsylvania has really moved up, across the nation, as far as the horses are concerned. We have Caravel, who won the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint last fall, and just won the Grade 2 Shakertown at Keeneland; Unique Bella; Princess of Sylmar; just to name a few. Going back to 2004, Smarty Jones".

The reaction to Angel of Empire's win extended well across the Pennsylvania racing and breeding industry, and the buzz is in the air to bring home the Derby trophy. "Christian (Black) wasn't the only one screaming and banging on table during the Arkansas Derby!" Brian laughed.

Not only is the breeding program in Pennsylvania extensive, but it is also important in that it is structured to give back. "Many of our breeders are 'Mom and Pop breeders' where they have one or two horses. So, it's important for them to look and say, 'we can do it'. We structure our breeding program so that breeders can get their investment back as quickly as possible. The breeder awards for Maiden races are 50%, so until you break your maiden, if you finish 1-2-3 in a Maiden race, you're going to get a 50% Breeder award. The owner bonus at Parx is 40% and 30% at Penn National and Presque Isle Downs, so if you breed the horse and own the horse, you can make a

substantial amount of money just by the horse breaking the maiden. Breeders' awards for PA Sired horses continue to be 40% and non-PA Sired to be 20%, because some people breed commercially and they sell it at the sales, so we don't want to stop them from breeding to any sire that they wish."

"We probably have, across the board, the best breeding program in the United States as far as bonuses, Breeder awards, stakes, and restricted races," Brian said.

Brian is planning on cheering on Angel of Empire at the Kentucky Derby and is excited about the colt's chances. "Pennsylvania has had two Derby winners, Lil E. Tee in 1992 and Smarty Jones in 2004, and some other horses went that weren't favorites or close to being favorites. Angel of Empire, other than Forte, he's probably going to be right up there, I'd say, in the top two to four horses. We have a really good shot here! I can't wait!"

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	Friday, June 2	\$100,000 DANZIG STAKES \$100,000 NEW START STAKES \$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES \$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES	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	\$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
		2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS STAKES: \$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 2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS: \$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	3 & up PA-SIRED PA-BRED STAKES: \$100,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Nov. 22	\$200,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Nov. 28	\$200,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Dec. 27	2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS: \$200,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES \$200,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES	2YO, 1 mile 70 yards 2YO fillies, 1 mile 70 yards



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38	5/13/21	B	C	PEACE AND JUSTICE	BACK STOP	BLAME	A1A RACING	EDDIE WOODS AGENT LIX
47	1/29/21	B	C	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN	BE BOP A LULA	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT I
72	1/29/21	B	C	BERNARDINI	BRILLIANCY	EXCHANGE RATE	BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	JAMES LAYDEN AGENT
98	5/8/21	CH	C	EASTWOOD	CHARLYBROWN'S ROSE	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT I
101	4/16/21	B	C	TAMARKUZ	CHILLY START	JUMP START	HORSESHOE VALLEY EQUINE CENTER LLC	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC AGENT
137	3/27/21	B	C	TEMPLE CITY	DESI GIRL	SILVER TRAIN	BRYAN MINNICH	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC
138	4/9/21	GRR	C	THE FACTOR	DILLINGHAM	PLEASANT TAP	STONE JUG RANCH	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT
145	4/4/21	CH	C	SPEIGHTSTER	DREAM REALIZED	AWESOME AGAIN	BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	CRANE THOROUGHBRED SERVICES LLC AGENT
155	3/21/21	B	C	ECLIPTICALSPRALINE	EMPRESS MONTEZ	SHAKIN IT UP	MARIA M HAIRE	TOM MCCROCKLIN AGENT XXI
175	1/30/21	CH	F	FLAMEAWAY	FOLLOW YOUR BLISS	THUNDER GULCH	JOAN A WILSON	BEATTIE HORSE TRAINING & SALES AGENT
217	3/3/21	DKB	F	HOPPERTUNITY	HOLIDAY HOPES	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	MARIA M HAIRE	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT
240	4/30/21	GRR	C	ARROGATE	KORTOBA	DISTORTED HUMOR	BLACKSTONE FARM LLC	JULIE DAVIES LLC AGENT
277	2/28/21	B	C	HOPPERTUNITY	MAJESTIC MELRESA	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC AGENT
286	5/10/21	CH	F	TALENT SEARCH	MARY COLE	BROKEN VOW	GILMAN HALLENBECK	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT
358	3/3/21	B	C	TEMPLE CITY	PAT'S KITTEN	KITTEN'S JOY	TRINITY WEST STABLES LTD	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT
366	4/6/21	B	C	COMMISSIONER	PICTURESQUE	SMART STRIKE	TOWERING CUMULUS LLC	BRITTON PEAK LLC AGENT
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400	5/20/21	DKB	C	NYQUIST	RISTRETTO	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	FORGOTTEN LAND INVESTMENT INC	WAVERTREE STABLES INC. (CIARAN DUNNE) AGENT XI
410	3/7/21	B	C	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN	R SHADE OF GRAY	MACHO UNO	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC	GRASSROOTS TRAINING AND SALES LLC AGENT I
431	3/6/21	B	F	TAPITURE	SECRET WITNESS	TIZNOW	HORSESHOE VALLEY EQUINE CENTER LLC	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC AGENT
456	3/16/21	CH	C	COLLECTED	SILVER DIVA	CIRCULAR QUAY	FORGOTTEN LAND INVESTMENT INC	JVC TRAINING AND SALES AGENT
499	4/11/21	B	F	WEST COAST	SUREMEANTTO	CANDY RIDE (ARG)	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC & BEST FOOT FORWARD HOLDINGS LLC	BEST A LUCK FARM LLC AGENT
501	3/28/21	B	C	SPEIGHTSTER	SURPRISING TWIST	UNION RAGS	FORGOTTEN LAND INVESTMENT INC, CHOICE ONE BLOODSTOCK, ET AL	CRANE THOROUGHBRED SERVICES LLC AGENT
512	4/14/21	B	C	STREET SENSE	TAPITAL GAINS	TAPIT	FORGOTTEN LAND INVESTMENT INC	CRANE THOROUGHBRED SERVICES LLC AGENT
549	3/26/21	B	F	FLASHBACK	TWEET	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	EQUIVINE FARM LLC	CLASSIC BLOODSTOCK AGENT
554	4/22/21	B	F	MITOLE	U. K. GIRL	TIGER RIDGE	JOAN A WILSON	RANDY MILES AGENT IX
565	2/20/21	B	C	PALACE MALICE	WAR POPPY	DISCREET CAT	JON A MARSHALL	CRANE THOROUGHBRED SERVICES LLC AGENT

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198	4/3/2021	B	F	Astern (AUS)	Convertible	Forestry	Heart Hill Farms LLC	Mayberry Farm	James Begg, Agent	92,000
375	3/16/2021	DB/BR	F	Flameaway	Floating Dream	Ghostzapper	Ann Sears & Joan Wilson	S B M Training and Sales, Agent	S.R.O.A. (KOID)	25,000
443	5/15/2021	B	F	Mendelssohn	Guise	Exchange Rate	Barlar LLC	Paul Sharp, Agent I	Jay Hanley	260,000
487	2/24/2021	GR/RO	C	The Factor	Holiday Diva	Lemon Drop Kid	Brunacini Stables Inc	Julie Davies LLC, Agent XIV	Alistair Roden Bloodstock, Agent for Highfield	55,000
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	Juan Arriagada	40,000
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

SHAKERTOWN S-G2, KEE, \$319,094, 3YO/UP,
5 1/2FT, 4-8.

Won - CARAVEL

m, 6, Mizzen Mast-Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats.
(\$500,000 2021 FTKNOV). O-Qatar Racing, Marc
Detampel and Madaket Stables LLC, B-Elizabeth M.
Merryman (PA), T-Brad H. Cox, J-Tyler Gaffalione, \$169,725.



CARAVEL - Photo by Coady Photography

She's BACK!

Making her first start since scoring her thrilling victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1 at Keeneland against males last November, Caravel was ready to roll in Keeneland's Shakertown Stakes-G2, also against males, on April 8. The favorite in the field of 12, she broke from post eight, quickly got to the lead, set every fraction of the five and a half furlongs (:21.86, :44.77, :56.45 and 1:02.58) and battled all the way to the wire to win by a head in a game performance.

The beautiful gray 6-year-old mare trained by Brad Cox was kept in training after her owners Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Madaket Stables LLC changed their minds about selling her after her Breeders' Cup victory.

"It wasn't that difficult (to decide to come back this year after what she accomplished last season)," said Sheikh Fahad of Qatar Racing after the race. "My brothers and I had a chat and they want good horses running around the world. She fits the bill perfectly, so it wasn't that tough, to be honest."

Said Tyler Gaffalione, who has ridden her in her last three starts, all stakes wins: "I loved it [when she came back after being headed by runner-up Bad Beat Brian in the stretch]. She showed so much heart there. She's a tremendous filly. I'm just lucky enough to be able to guide her around there. [Whether she wants the lead] depends on her break. She's a very alert filly. She jumped well today, so I didn't want to take anything away from her."

"It was nice to see her gutsy performance," said Sheikh Fahad. "She did that in [winning] the Breeders' Cup, and she did it again today. It is very hard once you get headed to come back again, but it was nice to see and I think it bodes well for the future for her."

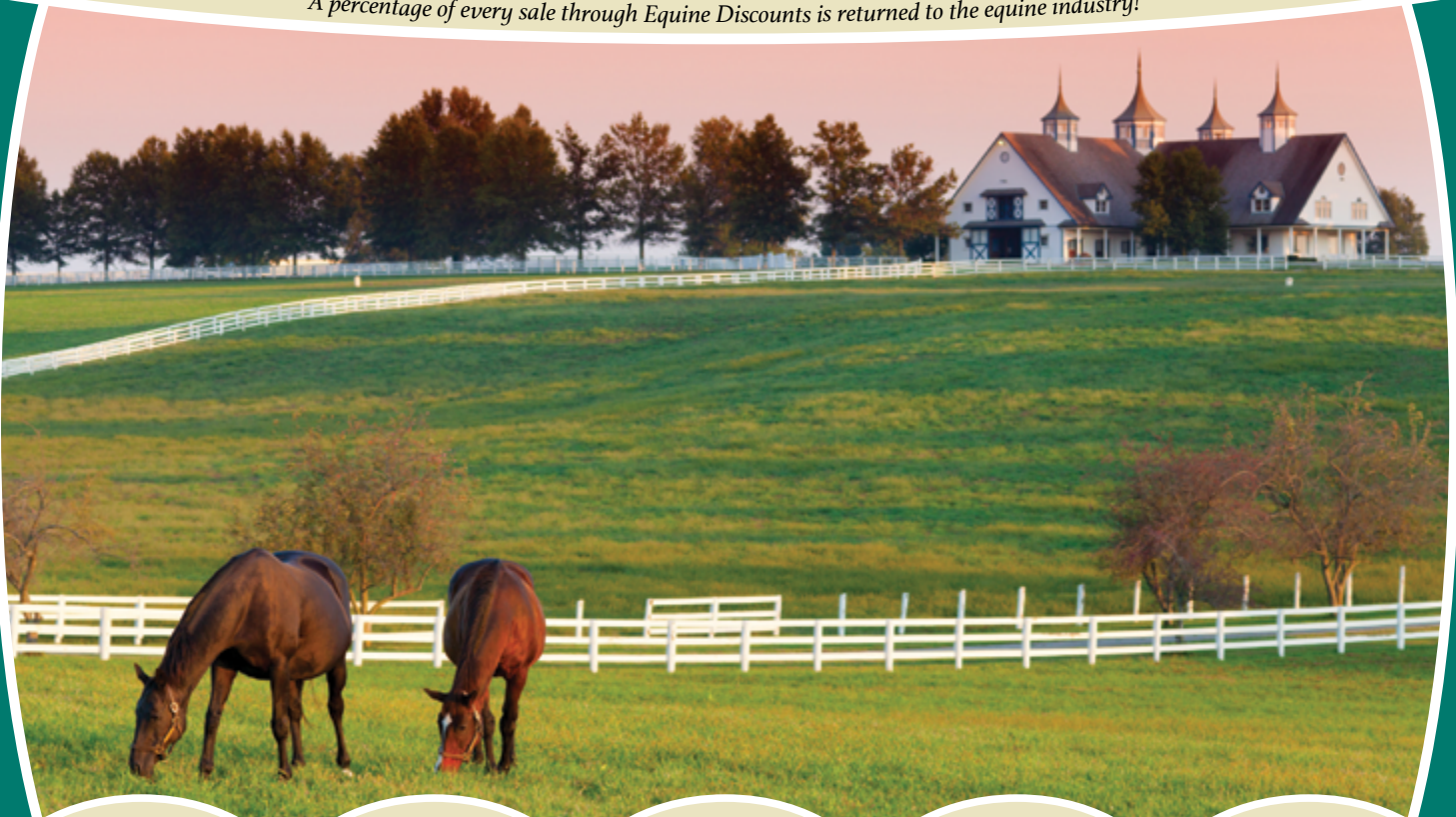
The Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly in 2020, and champion turf female in 2021, Caravel is a finalist for 2022 Horse of the Year, older female, female sprinter and turf female. Bred by PHBA board member Lizzie Merryman, who raced her at 3 and 4 (as a co-owner after selling her to Bobby Flay midway through her 2021 4-year-old season), Caravel has won 13 of her 21 starts while earning \$1,500,877. She now ranks as the 13th richest PA-bred in history.

One of three winners from four starters for the 2021 PA Broodmare of the Year Zeezee Zoomzoom (by Congrats), Caravel is a half-sister to stakes winner Witty.

Caravel has been entered in the \$300,000 Unbridled Sidney Stakes at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Oaks Day, Friday, May 5, a five and a half-furlong turf race for fillies and mares. ■

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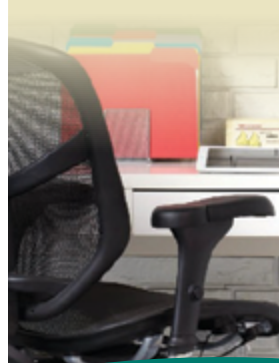
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

UNIQUE BELLA S, PRX, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M,
7F, 4-24.

Won - MORNING MATCHA

f, 4, Central Banker–Home Ice, by Iam the Iceman.
(\$18,000 2020 FTMOCT). O-LC Racing, Cash is King LLC
and Gary Barber, B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA),
T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Paco Lopez, \$60,000.

The richest PA-Bred 3-year-old runner in 2022, Morning Matcha was Grade 1-placed, had been in the top three in her last five starts of the year, and was a stakes winner in a campaign that ran from January through November.

After a five-month hiatus, she returned this year looking stronger than ever.

Facing Disco Ebo, the 3-10 favorite who won three straight, including a dominating score in the Penn's Landing in her prior start in early March, and two veteran stakes mares in Ninetypercentbrynn and Trolley Ride, Morning Matcha was also carrying 128 pounds, equal to that of Disco Ebo. She overcame all that and a sluggish start to join a tightly packed foursome through an opening quarter in :23.82 and a half in :47.15. She angled out entering the stretch to engage Disco Ebo and the two powerhouses charged home, with Morning Matcha pulling away late to win by two lengths. It was more than eight lengths back to Ninetypercentbrynn in third. The final time for the seven furlongs was 1:25.32, nearly a half-second faster than males ran one race later in the Page McKenney Handicap.

Morning Matcha now has earnings of \$713,390 with five wins, five seconds and five thirds in 18 starts. Last year, while earning \$406,000, she won the \$100,000 Main Line Stakes at Parx in March by daylight, finished second in the Grade 1 Cotillion to Society, with Secret Oath two lengths back in third, and counted third-place finishes in the Delaware Oaks-G3, Comely Stakes-G3 and Cathryn Sophia Stakes.

Purchased for \$18,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sales by LC Racing, she races for LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Gary Barber and is based at Parx with trainer Butch Reid.

A daughter of New York stallion Central Banker, Morning



MORNING MATCHA - (Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO)

Matcha was bred by Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC out of the stakes-placed mare Home Ice. She is the mare's only PA-Bred from six named foals, and her only stakes winner.

Clovis Crane purchased California-bred Home Ice (by Iam the Iceman), under the name 4 Little Monkeys (an entity named for the Crane kids Amara, Dalia, Rosey and Coy) for \$3,500 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale in 2018 with Morning Matcha in utero. "She was a big, strong, pretty mare, and in foal to Central Banker [whose oldest crop were 2-year-olds]. I had seen his foals and thought he'd be a good stallion. And the mare could run. We bought her for next to nothing and took a chance," Crane said last year after her first stakes win. Unfortunately Home Ice died in 2020 without producing another foal. ■

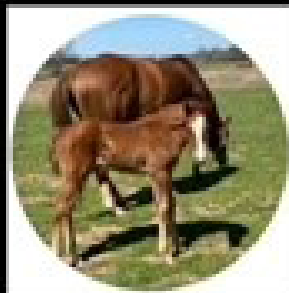


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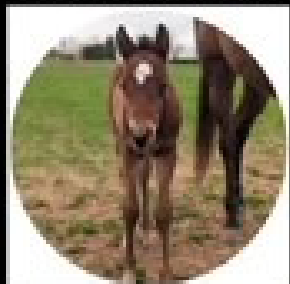
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PAGE MCKENNEY H, PRX, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 4-24.

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, \$56,400.

Twisted Ride's determination has rewarded his owners Kasey K Racing Stable, Michael R. Day and Final Turn Racing Stable a second stakes win in a row as the 5-year-old gelding dug in and held on to score in the Page McKenney Handicap on April 24. He pushed his win streak to four, all at Parx, having won the Fishtown Stakes in March by a head over Smooth B, and two allowances.

Trained by Michael M. Moore, Twisted Ride was the sixth-choice in the field of eight, with favoritism falling to Uncle Ernie and Beren. In the handicap which saw seven-time stakes winner Beren saddled with 129 pounds, Twisted Ride was the second highweight at 126. The son of Great Notion battled for the lead from the start with Smooth B and Uncle Ernie, who had been running in stakes in Florida, shook clear turning for home and then had to hold off a resurging Uncle Ernie, with Beren rallying up the rail. The margin of victory over Uncle Ernie was a nose as they completed the seven furlongs in 1:25.81.

Now a three-time stakes winner, Twisted Ride has won seven times in 14 starts, has four placings, and boosted his earnings to \$349,378. Bred by Kasey K Racing Stable out of the Tenpins mare Diva's Gold, Twisted Ride is a full brother to stakes winner Goodonehoney. Diva's Gold was bred back to Great Notion for 2023. ■



NATIVE DANCER S, LRL, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/8 M, 4-29.

Won - NIMITZ CLASS

c, 4, Munnings–Five Diamonds, by Flatter. O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), T-Bruce M. Kravets, J-Jevian Toledo, \$60,000.

Nimitz Class is sailing along as he scored his fourth stakes win in a row in Laurel's Native Dancer on April 29. Breaking alertly, he went for the lead early after an opening quarter in :24.37 over a muddy sealed track. Picking up the pace, the son of Munnings was ready to take control by the half, run in :47.34. By the time he went three-quarters he was on top by four lengths. The 1-5 favorite and 126-pound highweight in the field of six hit the stretch with a big lead and crossed the wire on top by nearly three lengths. His final time for the mile and an eighth was 1:52.11.

Tom Coulter's homebred recorded his ninth win in 15 starts, while earning \$414,480. This year he has wins in the John B. Campbell Stakes in February and Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes in March, each at Laurel Park. He captured Laurel's Robert T. Manfuso Stakes in December.

"The horse trains phenomenal, he does everything right, but we've never run him on an off track," said trainer Bruce Kravets. "That was my biggest concern, but it didn't seem to bother him at all."

"He did it pretty easy," rider Jevian Toledo said. "They were the same kind of horses that he's been running against, but he's a nice horse. You can do whatever you want with him."

Kravets added, "I always thought he wanted to run long and he needed blinkers, and as soon as we did that he's been a different horse. And, he loves Laurel." Kravets noted the Pimlico Special on Friday, May 19 may be his next start. ■

PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

[FEDERICO TESIO S, LRL, \\$125,000, 3YO, 1 1/8M, 4-15.](#)

2nd - Ninetyprcentmaddie

c, 3, Weigelia, - Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.
O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), \$25,000.

[PAGE MCKENNEY H, PRX, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 4-24.](#)

2nd - Uncle Ernie

g, 5, Talent Search, - Mary Cole, by Broken Vow.
O-Gilman Hallenbeck, B-Gilman Hallenbeck (PA),
\$23,500.

[UNIQUE BELLA S, PRX, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 4-24.](#)

2nd - Disco Ebo

f, 4, Weigelia, - Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico.
(\$52,000 2020 FTMOCT) O-Cash is King LLC and LC
Racing LLC, B-St. Omer's Farm (PA), \$25,000.

[PRIMONETTA S, LRL, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 4-29.](#)

2nd - Oxana

m, 5, Uptowncharlybrown, - Its My Town, by Cowtown Cat.
(\$65,000 2020 FTMMAY). O-Tee N Jay Stable,
B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA), \$20,000.

[PAGE MCKENNEY H, PRX, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 4-24.](#)

3rd - Beren

h, 5, Weigelia, - Silmaril, by Diamond.
O-St. Omer's Farm and Christopher J. Feifarek, B-Susan C.
Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek (PA), \$11,750.

[UNIQUE BELLA S, PRX, \\$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 4-24.](#)

3rd - Ninetypercentbrynn

m, 5, Weigelia, - Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.
O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), \$12,500.



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