

# PA THOROUGHBRED REPORT

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EYEING THE  
KY OAKS

*Carmelina*

Shown winning the Shamrock Rose S.  
at Penn National 11.22.23

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PA-BRED CARMELINA IS DREAMING OF LILIES IN KENTUCKY  
PA-BREDS DOMINATE PARX RACING HORSEMEN'S AWARDS



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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congrats to the Glenn Brok & Mark Toothaker bred I'm Very Busy who won the G2 Muniz Memorial Classic at the Fair Grounds after a great 2nd in the Pegasus Turf World Cup in late January. Keep him on your radar as he could have a fantastic future!

Good luck to the breeders and connections of Uncle Heavy, Carmelina & Maximus Meridius as trainer Butch Reid targets the Wood Memorial Card at Aqueduct on April 6th. Uncle Heavy is pointed to the G2 Wood Memorial, Carmelina in the G3 Gazelle and Maximus Meridius, the Bay Shore Stakes. It should be a fantastic day for Pennsylvania breeding & racing!

Want to breed to a PA-Sire like Uncle Heavy? Go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) and view the 2024 Stallion Directory. While you're there, check out the new stallions standing in 2024. Breed to a PA stallion and receive 40% in Breeder Awards, up to 40% in Owner Bonuses, eligibility for the PA-Sired, PA-Bred Series, and hundreds of Restricted Races. Wow!

The PA-Sired PA-Bred series is being expanded for foals of 2022 to include 3yos. The nomination fee is now \$500 until April 30. Replacing the trainer bonus this year will be a \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series: \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Iroquois Banquet on Friday night, May 10th, as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Kentucky Derby & Preakness Winner Smarty Jones at the Inn at Mendenhall in Chadds Ford. Our guest speaker will be longtime voice of Thoroughbred racing Tom Durkin.

By now you should be familiar with the online registration system on our website. If you are still using paper registrations, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form.

All broodmare domicile forms should have already been entered online for the 2024 foaling season, except for public sales and breed backs. Please submit your form when your mare enters the state. These domicile reports are MANDATORY and if not completed, your foal could be denied PA-Bred registration. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Go Pa!!

*Brian Sanfratello*  
Executive Secretary



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**GRADE 2 WINNER**

OF THE FAIR GROUNDS  
**MUNIZ MEMORIAL  
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# PA-BRED *Carmelina*

## IS DREAMING OF LILIES IN KENTUCKY

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

After winning the Shamrock Rose S. at Penn National 11.22.23

Carmelina has been a torpedo right from her June 18, 2023, debut, a \$60,000 open maiden special weight for 2-year-old fillies at Parx Racing in Bensalem, Pa. The PA-Bred emerged from the gate practically a length in front of her competition and extended that lead throughout the 4½ furlongs, crossing the wire 5¾ lengths ahead of stablemate Jeanne Marie, with Jody's Ruby completing the trifecta. Both Jeanne Marie and Jody's Ruby are now stakes winners. The official racing chart called it a "dominating score".

Breeder Lilith Boucher was unsurprised by Carmelina's front-running style. "She was a rocket and a very temperamental filly when she was young," Boucher remembered. "She was feisty in a good way. She is actually more like her second dam, Complete Number."

Boucher has trained Carmelina's female family for four generations, a rarity in modern times that is now a breath

of fresh air. Her dam Complete St. (by St Averil) was a stakes winner under the care of Boucher, while Complete Number (Polish Numbers) placed in several stakes races. Each mare exited the starting gate 42 and 41 times, respectively, cumulatively earning over \$425,000. This was way before slot machines bolstered purses, when war horses had to earn money the hard way.

"Complete St. is a lovely mare," said Boucher. "She was great to train and never missed a meal! She took her show on the road often and brought her game every time."

Complete St. raced into her 9-year-old season, a feat not seen often nowadays. One of Boucher's stallion choices for the mare was Maximus Mischief, a son of Into Mischief who showed brilliance during his brief career, which was unfortunately cut short due to injury. His initial stud fee reflected this and he has since rewarded his supporters.



Shown winning the Keswick Stakes at Colonial Downs 8.5.23

"I chose Maximus Mischief after I polled five of my bloodstock friends who know way more than I do!" Boucher laughed. "I asked them each to suggest four stallions under \$10,000 that they thought would be a good fit for Complete St. He was the only one they all suggested. Plus they all said he was fully booked and I would never get to him. I love a challenge!"

Maximus Mischief was campaigned by Chuck Zacney of Cash Is King LLC and Glenn Bennett of LC Racing LLC. Robert Reid Jr. trained Maximus Mischief, and the group has since supported him as a sire. In addition to breeding some of their own mares to him, they have actively purchased many of his offspring from the sales. During the December 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Mixed Sale, they discovered Boucher's Maximus Mischief filly out of Complete St.

"It was a team effort," said Zacney. "Our vet and team member Dr. Michael Chovanes was our boots on the ground at the sale. He liked her a lot and sent pictures. She is striking with a great walk and personality; a true beauty. I did the bidding and picked her up for \$44,000."

"(Chuck) and I are partners on many horses and he's a great friend," Bennett added. "He has a good eye for the horses as well!"

Bennett was so impressed by the Complete St. filly that he chose to name her "Carmelina," after his mother-in-law.

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Carmelina came to her new connections sporting half of the requirements to be Virginia-Certified, so the duo sent her to Virginia before she went to Reid at Parx Racing.

"Being a PA-Bred and adding the Virginia certification was a big plus and checked a lot of boxes," Zacney said. "It's been fruitful so far."

This label gave her the ability to contest the VA-Bred/VA-Sired/VA-Certified \$100,000 Keswick Stakes at Colonial Downs in August. This time she overcame true adversity: her high-strung temperament got the better of her before the race and she dropped jockey Mychel Sanchez before even entering the gate. Then, her fractious nature caused her to start ever so slightly slower than usual, so she found herself three-wide while battling with the leaders. In the final yards, Carmelina found another gear and surged to her first stakes victory by a half-length.

After a failed but excusable attempt on turf at Laurel, Carmelina returned to her home state for the \$100,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes for PA-Bred fillies at Penn National on Nov. 22. This time she was ready to rumble and led gate-to-wire, eventually drawing off to an 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-length score. That victory gave her connections two solid check marks for their patience in achieving both state incentive programs.

Carmelina shipped back to Maryland for her final 2023 start, the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes at Laurel Park on Dec. 30. She again "accelerated to the lead" under new jockey Sheldon Russell, who was able to settle the filly nicely on the rail. This time around she was against open company so there was a question as to whether she had the talent to compete. The question was quickly answered when Carmelina, posting every fraction, extended her lead to 2 lengths after being pressured early by favored Cap Classique, who was also already a stakes winner.

After the race, Russell praised Carmelina. "She jumped on the right lead at the top of the stretch, pinned her ears back and she was all heart."

Reid was similarly happy with the filly's run. "She's obviously come a long way," said her trainer. "To see her go like that and mature like that is really an exciting thing."

Following a short break at a local farm, Carmelina made her sophomore debut at Aqueduct on March 2. The \$200,000 Busher Stakes was absolutely stacked with talent, including Jody's Pride, whose previous start was a brilliant second by just a neck in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; undefeated fellow PA-Bred Aoife's Magic; stakes winner Gin Gin; and stakes-placed Princess Mayfair. The Busher Stakes would also be Carmelina's

first true test around two turns, as well as her first time racing over a sloppy surface.

Carmelina broke sharply and skipped right to the front, proving right away that she could handle a slippery surface just fine. Jody's Pride sat just off the pace as Carmelina easily held the lead through 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> furlongs of the 1 mile test. Both fillies traveled wide around the second turn, with Carmelina finding herself five paths from the rail. Fighting to the wire, Jody's Pride was able to draw away to a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-length win. Carmelina finished second, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lengths ahead of Gin Gin.

Sanchez was back aboard and very pleased with the race. "We put up a good pace. Even though she made it look easy, we were definitely running all the way around. It was her first time going long on the dirt. She ran huge and I definitely think she will get better in her next start, hopefully on the Kentucky Oaks trail."

Zacney was similarly happy with the results. "She is very athletic. We are optimistic as she starts her 3-year-old campaign."

Carmelina is currently tied for 19th on the Kentucky Oaks points list and will look to secure a spot by contesting the Grade 2 Gazelle Stakes at Aqueduct on April 6. Reid's wife Ginny recently was preparing the filly for the race by cleaning up her ears and bridle path and was thrilled to talk about Carmelina.

"She's just so sweet," Ginny said with a smile. "She used to be nervous in the shedrow but now she's just so nice and sweet in her stall."

Carmelina's breeder Lilith Boucher has enjoyed the ride along the way, all while thinking about her longtime friend and the breeder of four generations of mares before Carmelina, Mignon Smith. Smith passed away in February 2012 at the age of 81 and had been a tremendous member of the equine industry. As a race-horse owner and breeder, the Washington, D.C., resident created Mede Cahaba Stable & Stud LLC.

"It's been amazing watching Carmelina. As a small breeder who is sometimes the owner and trainer, I love the PA-Bred program," said Boucher. "I hope Mignon is looking down from above and enjoying it as well. Her lifelong dream was to have a horse in the Breeders' Cup. Wouldn't it be something if one did? It's so great to think of Carmelina going to the breeding shed later on and producing winners; all from Mignon's dream." ■





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**AOIFE'S MAGIC:** 2YO filly & HOTY  
Breeder: Mohns Hill Farm LLC



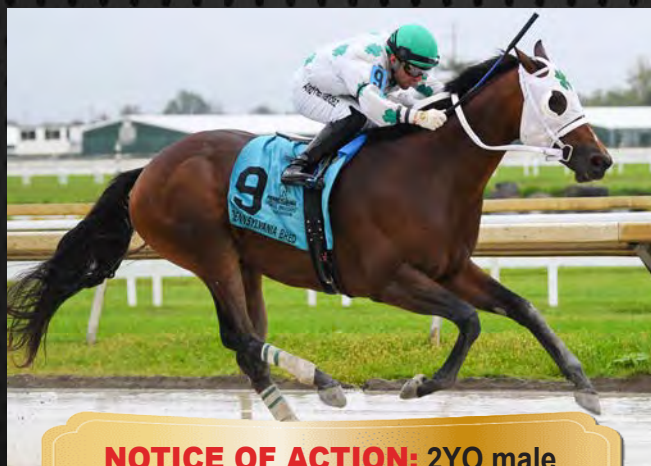
**GORDIAN KNOT:** 3YO male  
Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imbesi



**MORNING MATCHA:** Older Mare  
Breeder: Crane Thoroughbred Services



**NIMITZ CLASS:** Older Horse  
Breeder: Arrowwood Farm Inc



**NOTICE OF ACTION:** 2YO male  
Breeder: Bryan Minnich



BY NIKKI SHERMAN



# PA-BREDS

## DOMINATE PARX RACING HORSEMEN'S AWARDS

Parx Racing and the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association held their annual Horsemen's Awards banquet on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Celebrations in Bensalem, Pa., honoring Parx Racing's Best of 2023.

### PA-BREDS DOMINATED, CAPTURING MORE THAN HALF OF THE AWARDS, INCLUDING HORSE OF THE YEAR.

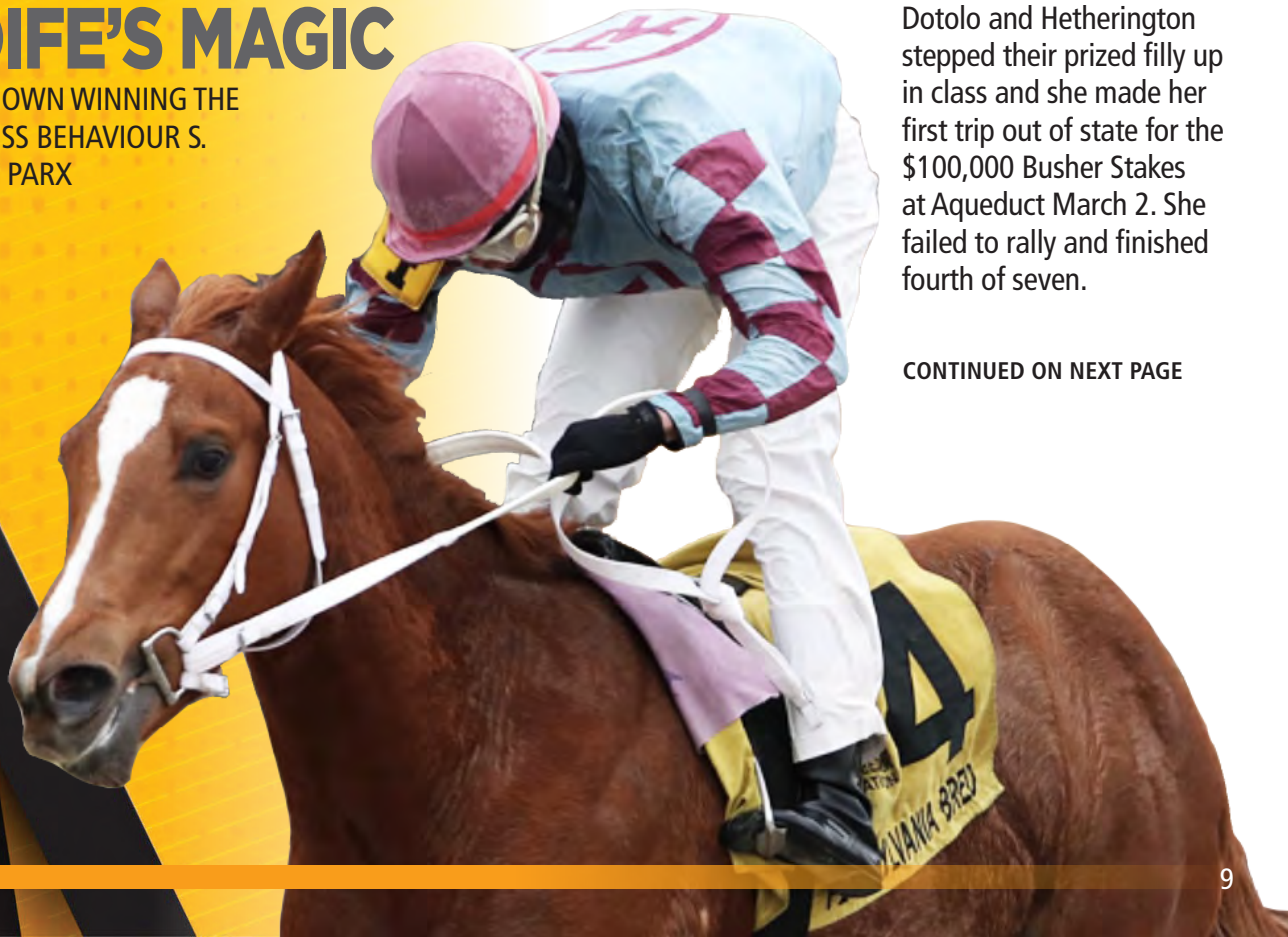
The event was highlighted by the crowning of Aoife's Magic as Horse of the Year, a lofty but worthy achievement for the daughter of Smarty Jones, who also won Champion Two-Year-Old Filly. Bred by Mohns Hill Farm LLC, Aoife's Magic was untested in four starts at 2, all at Parx Racing, and won those races by more than a combined 20 lengths over distances ranging from 5½ furlongs to 1 mile and 70 yards. The chestnut filly earned \$261,600, averaging over \$65,000 per start, which was bolstered by victories in the \$150,000 Imply Stakes and \$200,000 Miss Behaviour Stakes.

Aoife's Magic was purchased by Art Hetherington's A and J Racing Stable LLC at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale for just \$16,000.

At the end of the evening, trainer David Dotolo posted on his Facebook page, "We would like to say thanks to all of [her] friends and fans. We hope the Magic continues!"

## AOIFE'S MAGIC

SHOWN WINNING THE  
MISS BEHAVIOUR S.  
AT PARX



Dotolo and Hetherington stepped their prized filly up in class and she made her first trip out of state for the \$100,000 Busher Stakes at Aqueduct March 2. She failed to rally and finished fourth of seven.

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## NOTICE OF ACTION .....

Champion Two-Year-Old Male Notice of Action was another graduate of the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, where he sold for \$15,000 to Andy Hawthorne. The son of Hoppertunity is trained by Hawthorne's wife Bobbi Anne Hawthorne and was bred by Bryan Minnich. Notice of Action never finished off the board in five starts at 2, again all at Parx, garnering \$209,100 for his connections. He captured his first three races, including a half-length score in the \$150,000 Prince Lucky Stakes on Pennsylvania Derby Day. He finished a solid third in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery in November and closed out his juvenile campaign with a second-place finish in the \$200,000 Wait For It Stakes, just behind current Kentucky Derby contender Uncle Heavy, whom Notice of Action soundly defeated in the Nursery.

## GORDIAN KNOT .....

Three-Year-Old Male Champion Gordian Knot returned as a sophomore after an excellent juvenile campaign against only PA-Breds. He was ready to prove his mettle against open company. But first the gelded son of Social Inclusion successfully prepped with a solid 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-length score at Penn National June 2 in the \$100,000 Danzig Stakes for PA-Bred 3-year-olds. He was ready to roll at Parx in July against both open and older company in a tough allowance that included stakes winner Tuskegee Airmen, and made easy work of it, crossing the line 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lengths in front.

The \$75,000 Salvatore M. DeBunda Sprint against 3-year-olds Aug. 22 was the first real test for Joseph Imbesi's homebred. Trainer Guadalupe Preciado had Gordian Knot primed for the race of his life: after grabbing the lead at the top of the stretch, he held off a furious late drive by Praetorian Guard to capture his first open stakes. Gordian Knot closed out his championship season at Parx with a solid third-place finish in the \$400,000 Gallant Bob Stakes-G2 on Pennsylvania Derby Day. After being caught wide on the turn, he was just a few lengths behind multiple graded stakes winner Damon's Mound and Nautical Star, who was briefly on the Kentucky Derby trail earlier in the year. Gordian Knot has \$438,773 in lifetime earnings, with six wins and two seconds in nine starts.

## MORNING MATCHA .....

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale has been a brilliant place to find jewels for Parx Racing, as the 2020 edition saw Morning Matcha sell for \$18,000 to LC Racing LLC. Since then, Cash is King LLC and Gary Barber have joined the partnership as owners and they have been soundly rewarded. Morning Matcha boasts just shy of \$900,000 in career earnings, three stakes victories and multiple graded stakes-placings, including a second in the 2022 Cotillion Stakes-G1. She was Parx Racing's Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 2022, and over the past two years was awarded Champion PA-Bred Two-Year-Old Filly and Champion PA-Bred Three-Year-Old Filly by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association.

In 2023, Morning Matcha bookended her campaign with stakes wins, capturing the \$100,000 Unique Bella at Parx April 24 and closing out the season with a win in the \$125,000 New York Stallion Series Stakes at Aqueduct Dec. 3. Bred by Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC, Morning Matcha earned \$246,350 in 2023 with two wins, two seconds (Obeah at Delaware Park and Plum Pretty at Parx) and two thirds (Delaware Handicap-G2 and Aqueduct's Turnback the Alarm) from seven starts. She was named Parx Racing's Champion Older Female.

# NIMITZ CLASS .....

The final PA-Bred 2023 Parx award winner was Tom Coulter's homebred Nimitz Class, named Champion Older Male. The son of Munnings came out running at the beginning of 2023, scoring three straight stakes victories at Laurel Park: the \$100,000 John B. Campbell by 4½ lengths, \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial by 6¼ lengths and the \$100,000 Native Dancer by 2¾ lengths.

Nimitz Class returned to race in Pennsylvania May 23 at Parx in a \$75,000 open allowance and devoured his competition by 5¼ lengths. After two second-place finishes in stakes company at Monmouth Park and Laurel, the colt's last three starts were back at Parx. The Bruce Kravets trainee finished second in the \$100,000 Storm Cat Stakes

Aug. 21 on the Pennsylvania's Day at the Races card. He was primed for the race of his life in his next start, the \$400,000 Parx Dirt Mile, held on Pennsylvania Derby Day. Amongst the competition was multiple Grade 1 winner Gunite, whom Nimitz Class soundly trounced while bounding home 1¾ lengths in front. He closed out his campaign with a third-place finish in the \$75,000 M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile. On the board in all nine starts in 2023, winning five, he added \$482,600 to his bankroll, which grew to \$717,080 after three seasons.

That Parx Dirt Mile victory was brilliant enough to catch the attention of serious potential buyers. Nimitz Class was purchased privately by Qatar Racing, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, Steve Adkisson and Campeche Stables and has since moved to the barn of trainer George Weaver.

He opened his 2024 season with a start in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes-G1, so his new connections clearly have high expectations.

Combine that excitement for Nimitz Class with the potential for sophomores Aoife's Magic, Notice of Action and Uncle Heavy, and 2024 holds the promise of being an electrifying year for Pennsylvania-Breds. ■



**NIMITZ CLASS**  
2023 PARX DIRT  
MILE WINNER

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

- ✓ \$500 Stallion Series Noms until **April 30th**
- ✓ Iroquois Awards Banquet & Smarty Jones 20th Anniversary Derby Celebration 5:30pm **May 10th**
- ✓ Annual Meeting 4:00pm **May 22nd**
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Sire	Stallion Awards
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Weigelia	\$199,145
Warrior's Reward	\$161,368
Jump Start	\$141,735
Social Inclusion	\$133,512

Leading Breeder 2023	
Name	Breeder Awards
<b>Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC</b>	<b>\$632,476*</b>
Warriors Reward	\$515,339
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$359,839
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$332,507
Blackstone Farm LLC	\$297,773
<b>* NEW RECORD SET BY UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD</b>	

Leading Breeder and Stallion Awards 2023	
Name	Breeder and Stallion Awards
<b>Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC</b>	<b>\$868,865*</b>
Warriors Reward	\$676,707
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$492,485
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$450,665
Northview StallionStation Inc	\$420,396
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## MARCH OBS TWO-YEAR-OLD IN TRAINING RESULTS

Hip	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Price	Purchaser
396	2/25/2022	GR/RO	C	Practical Joke	Life's a Gamble	Malibu Moon	Forgotten Land Investment Inc.	de Meric Sales, Agent	170,000	Lauren Carlisle, Agent
470	4/10/2022	DB/BR	F	Not This Time	Moonlight Serenade	Malibu Moon	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Tom McCrocklin, Agent	160,000	Tom McCrocklin, Agent
773	2/23/2022	DB/BR	F	More Than Ready	Trace of Grace	Petionville	WMT Stables Inc.	RiceHorse Stable	180,000	Joe Migliore, Agent

## SPRING OBS TWO-YEAR-OLD IN TRAINING — APRIL 16-19

Hip	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor
290	2/8/22	B	F	Justify	Mahkama	Bernardini	Blackstone Farm LLC	Paul Sharp, Agent
324	5/8/22	DB/BR	F	More Than Ready	Midnight Bliss	Midnight Lute	Blackstone Farm LLC	Randy Miles, Agent
402	3/4/22	B	C	Instagrاند	Nancy G.	Fusaichi Pegasus	John R. Penn	Cruzin' Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent
555	3/30/22	DB/BR	F	Global Campaign	Rutherford Rd	First Samurai	Blackstone Farm LLC	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent
593	2/11/22	CH	F	Improbable	Seanchai	English Channel	Blackstone Farm LLC	Randy Miles, Agent
654	5/16/22	DB/BR	F	Honor A. P.	Softly Lit	Latent Heat	Blackstone Farm LLC	Parrish Farms, Agent
702	2/8/22	B	C	Rowayton	Streak of Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Whiskey Run Stables LLC	Hoppel LLC, Agent
755	4/12/22	B	F	Uncle Mo	Tapital Gains	Tapit	Forgotten Land Investment Inc.	James Layden, Agent
919	4/5/22	DB/BR	C	Bolt d'Oro	Amber Grace	Elusive Quality	Blackstone Farm LLC	Wavertree Stables, Inc., Agent
937	3/2/22	B	C	Tapiture	Arched	Arch	Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc.	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent
1015	3/15/22	DB/BR	F	Rowayton	Bonnie K	Majestic Warrior	Towering Cumulus LLC	Triple C Sales
1031	3/31/22	CH	F	Vekoma	Broken Blues	Broken Vow	Best A Luck Farm/Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc.	Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent
1083	3/18/22	B	F	Maximus Mischief	Classe Signora	Bernstein	J. Patrick Morrell & Tanya Lobsiger	Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, Agent
1119	4/1/22	DB/BR	F	Always Dreaming	Dahteste	Majestic Warrior	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Fast Horses
1158	1/31/22	CH	F	More Than Ready	Dixie Serenade	Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, Agent
1174	3/9/22	DB/BR	C	Cupid	Dress Up	Not For Love	Dr. & Mrs. William E. Riddle Jr.	Thorstock LLC, Agent
1194	3/1/22	DB/BR	F	American Pharoah	Essential Rose	Bernardini	Blackstone Farm LLC	Six K's Training & Sales LLC, Agent

# EASTWOOD

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### PA'S LEADING 2023 STALLION

# #1

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# 2023 IROQUOIS AWARD CHAMPION FINALISTS

This year's Iroquois Awards will be held on Friday, May 10 at the Inn at Mendenhall in Chadds Ford PA.

*Congratulations to all of our Pennsylvania-bred finalists!*

## HORSE OF THE YEAR

### ANGEL OF EMPIRE

Forgotten Land Investment Inc and  
Black Diamond Equine Corp

### NEECIE MARIE

Jon A. Marshall

### ROSES FOR DEBRA

Blackstone Farm LLC

### CARAVEL

Elizabeth Merryman

### NIMITZ CLASS

Arrowwood Farm

### TWISTED RIDE

Kasey K Racing Stable

### ARMONY'S ANGEL

Dam of Angel of Empire

## BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

### HOME ICE

Dam of Morning Matcha

### DIVA'S GOLD

Dam of Twisted Ride

### FIVE DIAMONDS

Dam of Nimitz Class

### KATARICA DISCO

Dam of Disco Ebo, Fore Harp & Smooth B

### ESSENTIAL ROSE

Dam of Roses for Debra

### ZEEZEE ZOOMZOOM

Dam of Caravel & Witty

## 2YO FILLY

### AOIFE'S MAGIC

Mohns Hill Farm LLC

## 2YO COLT

### CAPO

A1A Racing

## OLDER FEMALE

### CARAVEL

Elizabeth Merryman

## OLDER MALE

### NIMITZ CLASS

Arrowwood Farm

### CARMELINA

Lilith Boucher

### DRUM ROLL PLEASE

Barlar LLC

### DISCO EBO

St Omer's Farm

### OUR SHOT

Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc

### DANCING SPIRIT

Glenn E. Brok LLC

### GOING UP

Tammy Klimasewski and  
Robert Klimasewski

### MORNING MATCHA

Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC

### TWISTED RIDE

Kasey K Racing Stable

### GREAVETTE

Heart Hill Farm

### NOTICE OF ACTION

Bryan Minnich

### ROSES FOR DEBRA

Blackstone Farm LLC

### WITTY

Elizabeth Merryman

### UNCLE HEAVY

Barbara Reid



## 3YO FILLY

### CAPTAIN COURTNEY

Wesley R. Bennett

## 3YO COLT

### ANGEL OF EMPIRE

Forgotten Land Investment Inc  
and Black Diamond Equine Corp

## FEMALE SPINTER

### CARMELINA

Lilith Boucher

## MALE SPRINT

### GORDIAN KNOT

Mr and Mrs Joe Imbesi

### LATE FROST

Gregory and Caroline Bentley

### GORDIAN KNOT

Mr and Mrs Joe Imbesi

### CARAVEL

Elizabeth Merryman

### OUR SHOT

Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc

### NEECIE MARIE

Jon A. Marshall

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Forgotten Land Investment Inc

### LATE FROST

Gregory and Caroline Bentley

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Kasey K Racing Stable

### TAPPIN JOSIE

Charles Blanford

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### WARRIOR'S RANSOM

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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## **MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S-G2**

**FG, \$300,000, 4YO/UP, 1 1/8MT, 3-23.**

### **WON - I'M VERY BUSY**

c, 4, Cloud Computing—Two Kisses, by Kissin Kris.

(\$50,000 2021 FTMOCT; \$135,000 2022 OBSMAR)

O-Team Hanley, Richard Schermerhorn and Paul Braverman,

B-Glenn E. Brok LLC and Mark Toothaker (PA),

T-Chad C. Brown, J-Irad Ortiz Jr., \$180,000.

Team Hanley, Richard Schermerhorn and Paul Braverman's I'm Very Busy was one of the best horses in training not to have won a stakes. He checked that off emphatically at Fair Grounds on March 23.

A multiple graded stakes-placed runner at 2 and 3, I'm Very Busy had people buzzing after he was a fast-closing second to international star Warm Heart in the \$1 million Grade 1 Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational Stakes in January.

The eagerly-awaited second start of his 4-year-old campaign came nearly two months later in the \$300,000 Muniz Memorial Classic Stakes-G2 on the Louisiana Derby day undercard. Sent off the 5-2 favorite in the field of 13, despite his far outside post, the Chad Brown trainee was guided by Irad Ortiz Jr. towards the inside and rated behind the pack, at times in tight quarters, as the early leaders zipped a first quarter in :22.80 and the half in :47.33. Swung six-wide entering the stretch, I'm Very Busy blasted home, quickly putting 3 3/4 lengths between himself and the second-place runner, graded winner Gigante. The final time for 1 1/8 miles over a "good" turf course was 1:47.57, .36 seconds off the course record.

"It was hard with the [far outside] post position," said Ortiz after the race. "But we got lucky, saved some ground in the first turn. We wanted to be a little closer, but the horse made it look easy.

"He's always been nice," Ortiz continued. "This year he's probably doing better since he has more experience. Chad has loved this horse since day one to be honest. He always told me to ride this horse because he is so nice, and he was right."

Brown also trained I'm Very Busy's Preakness-winning sire Cloud Computing, who moved for the 2024 season to

Dr. William J. Solomon's Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, where he stands for \$3,500. I'm Very Busy is from his first crop.

I'm Very Busy was bred by the partnership of Glenn E. Brok LLC and Mark Toothaker, the latter the stallion sales manager at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Ky., where Cloud Computing entered stud. The dark bay colt is the sixth, and last, reported named foal for the unplaced Kissin Kris mare Two Kisses, who earlier in her career produced stakes winner Grand Kisses (by Grand Reward), as well as four other winners.

Sold as a yearling out of the Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services consignment at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale for \$50,000 to agent James R. Layden, the colt was pinhooked at OBS the following March, bringing \$135,000.

Raced throughout his career by his current connections, I'm Very Busy dazzled in his 2-year-old debut, winning by nearly 4 lengths over Saratoga's turf course that August. He made his second start seven weeks later in the Grade 2 Pilgrim Stakes and battled to the wire before giving way late to finish second, a length behind the winner Major Dude. His final start at 2 was the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 – while he wound up 10th, he was only beaten a total of 3 3/4 lengths.

In four starts at 3, he was 1-1-1, winning an allowance at the Belmont At The Big A meet in October, and concluding his season with a second in the Grade 2 Hill Prince.

With three wins, three seconds and a third in nine career starts, he has earnings of \$590,450. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS (CONT.)

## MAIN LINE S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YOF, 1M&70Y, 3-5.

### WON - JEANNE MARIE

f, 3, Speightster–Bouquet of Gold, by Medaglia d’Oro.  
O-Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC,  
B-Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC (PA),  
T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Mychel J. Sanchez, \$43,200.

When Dan Ryan’s Smart Angle LLP cut back on its horse holdings, a number of Pennsylvania breeders took advantage. With great results.

The story of Expect Wonderful, the dam of graded stakes winner and Triple Crown hopeful Uncle Heavy, has been told in recent months.

The latest success is Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC’s home-bred filly Jeanne Marie, who in her third career start, and stakes debut, romped home a 2 1/2-length winner of Parx Racing’s Main Line Stakes on March 5 for 3-year-old fillies.

Trained by Butch Reid, the Speightster filly showed great promise at 2. Racing exclusively at Parx, she finished second in a maiden special in her first start. While beaten nearly 6 lengths, it was against quality competition – the winner was her stablemate, the sensational Carmelina.

A month later, with no Carmelina in the field, Jeanne Marie set every fraction and won with authority by 2 1/2 lengths at a mile and 70 yards over a sloppy track. A few more works followed, but by August, she was off the worktab.

She returned in December and worked methodically towards her return, and stepped into the gate for the Main Line as the 1.30-1 co-favorite in the field of seven with Kentucky-bred Chad Brown shipper Experimental. The two favorites set the pace, but Jeanne

Marie had all the momentum as she headed into the stretch. In recording her second win in three starts, she pushed her bankroll to \$82,800.

Jeanne Marie is the third foal for the Medaglia d’Oro mare Bouquet of Gold. While off the board in her only start, Bouquet of Gold boasts a lot of pedigree – she is a daughter of graded winner Bouquet Booth and traces back directly to Broodmare of the Year Toll Booth.

Smart Angle LLP bred Bouquet of Gold’s first two foals, the winning Mastery filly Turbie, sold as a weanling for \$50,000 at Keeneland November and \$140,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky in 2020; and the Frosted filly Dolce On the Rocks, who eventually sold as a 2-year-old at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale for \$95,000 and placed in her first of two starts at 3.

Bouquet of Gold went through the auction ring five times and left an RNA in each and every one. The last sale she was catalogued was the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale, while carrying Jeanne Marie, and exited the ring unsold at \$45,000.

In 2023 and 2024 Bouquet of Gold produced Maximus Mischief colts for the Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC partnership on the same date (Feb. 20). The partners also campaigned graded stakes winner Maximus Mischief. ■



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## BUSHER S

AQU, \$200,000, 3YOF, 1M, 3-2.

### 2ND - CARMELINA

f, 3, Maximus Mischief–Complete St., by St Averil.  
(\$44,000 2021 FTMDEC) O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC,  
B-Lilith E. Boucher (PA), \$40,000.

## BEYOND THE WIRE S

LRL, \$100,000, 3YOF, 1M, 3-23.

### 3RD - AOIFE’S MAGIC

f, 3, Smarty Jones–Polarized, by Drosselmeyer.  
(\$16,000 2022 FTMOCT) O-A and J Racing Stable LLC,  
B-Mohns Hill Farm LLC (PA), \$10,000.



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Monday, June 24 **\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES** 3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
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Monday, July 8 **\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES** 3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs



Monday, July 22 **\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES** 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards



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**\$100,000 JUMP START STAKES** 3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



Saturday, Sept. 21 **\$100,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP** 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
**\$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards  
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**\$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES** 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs



Monday, Oct. 14 **\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs



Monday, Oct. 21 **\$100,000 MARK McDERMOTT STAKES** 2YO, 6 furlongs



Wednesday, Nov. 20 **\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs



Wednesday, Nov. 27 **\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES** 2YO, 7 furlongs



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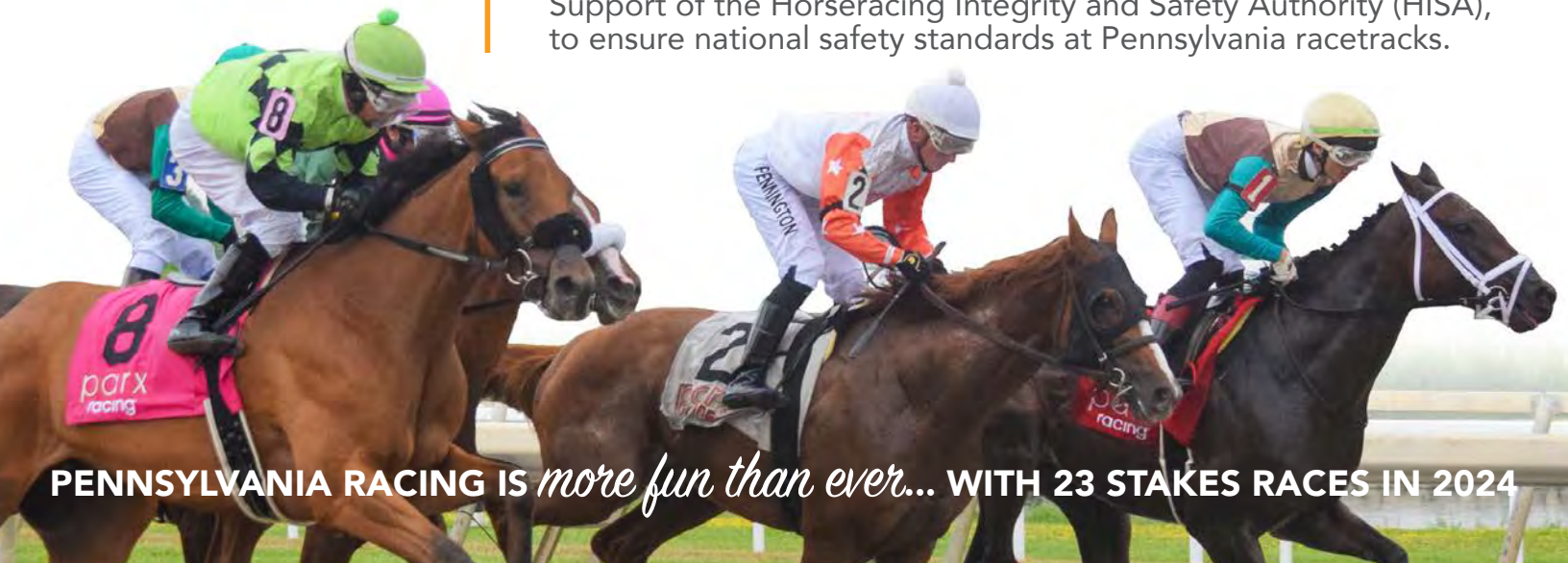
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**#2**

To help Breeder/owners recoup costs, PARX has added an additional 25% to any maiden claiming tag for all PA-Breds. If a PA-Bred is in for a Maiden 10k, the claiming price will be 25% higher, or \$12,500. **A shoutout to PARX Director of Racing, David Osojnak, and PTHA Executive Director, Jeff Matty Jr!**

**#3**

The Additional 25% PA-Sired Owner Bonus in all PA-Bred Stakes will be eliminated. This was instituted when there were no PA-Sired Stakes. Now that we have 7 PA-Sired Stakes, opportunity exists for PA-Sired 2YOs, 3YOs (newly added) and 3&up.



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