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Joe Giangjullo with his first homebred stakes winner Mr. First in 1956

## THE 39TH ANNUAL TOBA NATIONAL AWARDS



### 2024 TOBA AWARD TO CASTLE ROCK

The Robert N. Clay Conservation Award, which recognizes a member of the Thoroughbred community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use, will go to Peter Giangjullo and Barbara Geraghty's Castle Rock Farm.

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congrats to A1A Racing's Dontlookbackatall, winner of the G3 Caress Stakes at Saratoga! That makes 3 stakes wins in a row. Congrats to all the connections. Can't wait to see her next race!

Current members, please call or email [lauren@pabred.com](mailto:lauren@pabred.com) to reserve seating on PA Day at the Races, August 26 at PARX. Once again, \$1,000,000 in purses will be up for grabs as the entire day will showcase all registered PA-Breds. Four \$100,000 Stakes will be run which includes the 7-furlong PA-Sired PA-Bred Jump Start Stakes for 3 & up. Current PHBA members and guests can come out for a fantastic fun-filled day which includes a lunch buffet, gift and a chance to mingle with other breeders from across the state. I'd like to thank the NTRA for their donation of another John Deere Zero-Turn mower that we'll raffle off that day.



The PA-Sired PA-Bred series will kick off on PA Derby Day, Saturday, September 21st and has been expanded for foals of 2022 to include 3yos of 2025. Six \$100,000 Stakes – four for 2yos and two for 3yos! 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. This bonus will be paid after the 3yo races in 2025.

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. We will be transitioning to paperless the beginning of 2025. 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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# CASTLE ROCK FARM *is now* PRESERVED FOREVER

THE ROBERT N. CLAY  
CONSERVATION AWARD  
RECIPIENT

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

When Italian immigrant Joe Giangliulo arrived in America over a century ago, he was an enthusiastic kid ready for a new adventure. As he grew up, he worked at several construction companies, sometimes more than one at a time. He was honing his craft, learning on the job. He essentially became a full-time, self-taught student in everything he was involved with. When the time was right, Giangliulo created his own construction company. He used the profits to access a dream: a life with horses.

Joe Giangliulo started with show horses but quickly was introduced to Thoroughbred horse racing. He was immediately hooked and soon enough bought land in Havertown, Pa., which he named Castle Rock Farm. He bought about 20 horses, including some broodmares who became foundation mares on the farm. By the 1950s, his horses were competitive on the highest stage. His first horse was a half-brother to major juvenile winner Uncle Miltie. Named Mr. First, he was second to Bardstown in the 1957 Widener Handicap at Hialeah, second to Nashua in the 1956 Monmouth Handicap (which would become the

Haskell Invitational), and third behind Helioscope and champion Hasty Road in the 1954 Benjamin Franklin Handicap at Garden State Park.

"My father had the ultimate bad fortune in that he was successful right away," Joe's son Peter Giangliulo said with a laugh. "He was a grassroots horseman who really worked hard at research, so from meager mares, he produced horses that could run on a national level. He was a student of Federico Tesio with his breeding tactics.

"He also didn't like other people racing his horses and he was not one to quit. That's why he bought the farm and training center; he decided he was going to do it his way. He also used to say that when a horse broke his maiden, he lost his best friend: the 'M' in the win column. With no state-bred programs at the time, you just ran and competed, or you didn't."

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**– PETER GIANGLIULO ABOUT HIS FATHER, JOE**

Peter and his sister Barbara Geraghty spent the earliest years of their lives at the original Castle Rock Farm.



# CASTLE ROCK (CONT.)

Peter remembers cooling out his first horse at six years old and has been active in the industry ever since. Barbara loved the horses too. In 1957 Joe purchased Indian Rock Farm on the current Castle Rock property and moved his family across the county.

"He decided to sell the original Castle Rock because the whole town had so many houses on it; all that was left was a little postage stamp-sized piece of land," Peter said.

"He wanted to stand stallions, so he was smart commercially. He changed the name from Indian Rock to Castle Rock Farm because his horses were nationally recognized, and made sure to keep the same traditional silks."

After Joe and his wife Julia passed away, the farm was left to their children. Barbara had not taken an active role in the racetrack when she was younger but she was more than prepared for the business side.

"We have a lot of faith and trust in each other," noted Peter. "Of course, we argued as cats and dogs as kids but we clung to each other too. As adults, we have never had a cross word. She's brilliant. Now she has as many horses on the farm as I do."

Barbara owns multiple Pennsylvania champion Power by Far, who still stands at Castle Rock at age 29. Power by Far was a brilliant racehorse, winning 15 of 32 races including 10


stakes races. During his career, the Mid-Atlantic racetracks joined together to participate in a unique series of stakes races for local horses, with races offered at each participating track, titled Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships. Power by Far dominated the MATCH Series' 3-year-old Sprint-Dirt division in 1998.

"When he won the MATCH Series, I made a collage for Barbara of winning pictures," Peter said proudly.

"Power by Far was in the center with his mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, all in our colors. Power by Far has sired the next generation, who in turn produced another generation. All in all, it's been seven generations. It's extremely gratifying."

Peter credits the success of Castle Rock Farm to many family members and longtime employees. He especially appreciates longevity in relationships. He has been on the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Board for 47 years. Barbara and her husband Bill Geraghty have been married for 64 years, while Peter and his wife Stephanie are approaching 40 years.

"I have the most amazing crew. In addition to our family, my Farm Manager June Hillman has been with us 29 years and our right hand man Fernando Carranco for almost 20 years. There are six of us: June, Fernando, Barbara, Bill, Stephanie and me. We're all better together. Take one person out of the team and everything else would fall apart."



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# CASTLE ROCK (CONT.)

When Peter and Stephanie met, she did not have much interest in horses, but he says that she “osmotically grew interested in the horses through his appreciation and dedication to the farm.” He firmly believes that they would not have been able to have success without his wife. “Stephanie is the glue that holds things together for me with running the business. She does work so she’s not able to be there every day at home, but she’s a tremendous asset and very savvy.”

Inevitably, as with most businesses these days, the Castle Rock Farm team found themselves searching for a way to continue without giving up their land to developers, like so many other farmers have been forced to do over the last decade. That was when the National Lands, a non-profit organization that saves open space in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, approached them with some ideas. The answer was creative and sustainable: the Giangiulio family placed a permanent conservation easement on 170 acres of the property with Natural Lands. In a press release, Natural Lands said that it received funding to underwrite the preservation of the farm from Chester County’s Preservation Partnership Program; Mars Foundation; the Marshallton Conservation Trust; the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program; West Bradford Township; and the Giangiulio family.

Peter was happy with the decision. “I got no resistance from my wife or sister. We were able to come up with an agreement that allowed us to preserve this legacy because once you sell it, you lose control of what happens to it. The idea of having this place turn into a development and ruin my

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**– PETER GIANGIULIO**

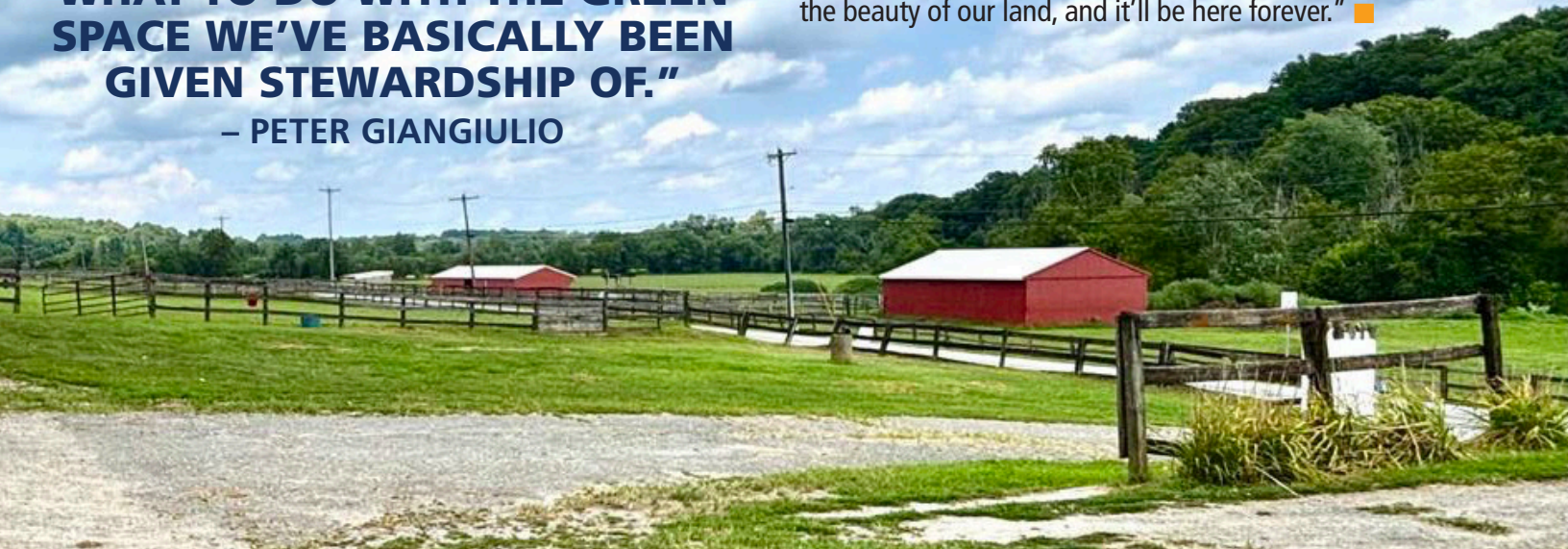
neighbors’ lives... it would destroy the land forever; once it’s gone, it’s gone. It was our refusal to be pushed out.”

Ironically, Castle Rock Farm holds a fascinating piece of horticultural history. It was the home of Quaker Humphry Marshall, who is considered a founding father of American botany. His original house, built just before America declared its independence, still stands today. The house itself is still in use, showcased by a stone designating it as a National Historic Landmark in 1987. It was also recorded in 1958 by the Historic American Buildings Survey and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. In 1785 Marshall famously penned *Arbustrum Americanum*, the very first botanical treatise about the trees and shrubs of North America. Marshall also built one of the first botanical gardens in the newly-formed United States around his home.

This fall at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) National Awards Dinner, the members of Castle Rock Farm will be honored for their efforts in land conservation in the Thoroughbred industry. They will receive the 2024 Robert N. Clay Conservation Award, presented by the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR).

“It’s a national award so we appreciate the recognition,” said Peter. “It’s great that the industry has a new idea of what to do with the green space we’ve basically been given stewardship of. I’ve never been to Kentucky so it will be a nice little trip.

“But our world is Pennsylvania and it’s been awfully good to us over the years. Now, when you come down from Marshallton and hit the break of the hill approaching Northbrook, there is such satisfaction in the half-mile of river frontage on the Brandywine. Knowing it’s going to be this way for everyone to enjoy - kayaking, canoeing, fishing - it means the world to us. I’m so happy that we can continue to raise our horses, enjoying the beauty of our land, and it’ll be here forever.” ■





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## "WARHORSES"

once they compete in 50 races, and they are often coveted for their soundness and love of racing. PA-Bred Ruby Bleu doubled that. He raced exactly 100 times, finishing in the top three in 59. He is essentially a warhorse just by those latter numbers alone. When he crossed the finish line for the final time in his career on July 2, 2024, his resume included 23 victories, four stakes-placings and earnings of \$939,169. Even more impressively, Ruby Bleu retired 100 percent sound.

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

One of the most important people in the 10-year-old gelding's life has been involved from the very beginning and made sure that Ruby received the "retirement" home deserving of the champion that he is. Donald "Donny" Brown Jr. is a Pennsylvanian through and through, even though he did briefly spend a few years in south Florida while finishing high school.

"In the early 70s, I sat with my grandmother in the parking lot along the fence line at Penn National and watched horses coming down the stretch," he reminisced. "In Florida, whenever there was a chance, a lot of us went to Hialeah and Calder to watch races and people. Back then, a lot of people

went to the races every day. There was no simulcast, no off-track wagering, and no internet."

By the 2000s, Brown had entered the world of racing himself. In 2012 he spotted a colt with a tremendous pedigree at the Fasig-Tipton New York Saratoga Fall Mixed and Horses of Racing Age Sale. Named Messner, the colt was by Bernardini and out of the Group 1-winning Mr. Prospector mare Macoumba, who is also the dam of stallions Malibu Moon (A.P. Indy) and Storm Cat sons Parker's Storm Cat and British Medium. Of course, Malibu Moon's success is well-known worldwide. Parker's Storm Cat sired two excellent stakes winners, including the \$540,004-earning graded



# RUBY BLEU (CONT.)

stakes-placed PA-Bred Sloane Ranger. But Parker's Storm Cat's most successful offspring by far was fan favorite Ben's Cat, an earner of \$2,643,782. British Medium has had success in Uruguay, siring Uruguayan champion older mare and nine-time stakes winner Inalcanzada and Residerado, winner of the 2022 GP Nacional (Uruguayan Derby-G1).

So Messner's page in that Saratoga sale sparked with potential to Donny Brown, despite the colt's unsuccessful two-race career thus far where he was owned by Darley. "I purchased Messner hoping that I could stand him in PA if he was unable to race," Brown said.

The following year, Brown bought a Perfect Soul (Ire) mare named Ruby Soul. After the mare foaled that spring, she was successfully declared in foal to Messner. Ruby Bleu himself entered the world on April 5, 2014.

"I named him after his mother and added 'Bleu' as an homage to my restaurant Black n Bleu," Brown said. "Ruby Bleu



DONNIE BROWN PHOTO

was actually born right down the street from the restaurant in Mechanicsburg, Pa., at the historic Hempt Farm."

Ruby Bleu was initially trained by Bernard Houghton for Brown at Penn National and debuted in August of 2016. Two months later, still seeking his first win, he was carefully dropped in for a tag. He hit the board at Penn for \$20,000, hit the board twice more for the same price at Parx. In his sixth start, running at the same level at Parx where he ultimately was

moved up to second after the winner was disqualified for interference, Ruby Bleu exited the race with a new owner and trainer.

Brown remembered, "It was on New Year's Eve 2016. It was a price I did not think anyone would pay for a homebred by the unknown Messner. I had a chance to get him back later, but lost a shake. Ruby Bleu changed hands a couple of times through the years. Fortunately, most of his trainers such as Scott Lake, Jamie Ness and Joe Taylor often sent text messages on how well he was doing. They knew that I wanted to be notified if I was ever needed."

*"...He was the kind of horse a trainer wishes they could have a barn full of."*

— TRAINER CASSANDRA JUDD





# RUBY BLEU (CONT.)

## 23rd Career Win!



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Ruby Bleu left an impression with everyone who interacted with him. Anna Carrow was an exercise rider at Penn National and remembers him clearly. "I galloped this horse for his last trainer at Penn. He's a standout and was my favorite mount. He's a phenomenal mover, intelligent, brave and just... special."

Brown was excited when he was able to regain partial ownership of Ruby Bleu last summer after his friend and colleague Brian Shyda of Premier Stable called to let him know that he had claimed Ruby. They officially became partners a month later and were rewarded with one final victory in September.

After giving the gelding the winter off, it became clear that Ruby was ready to do something again. Shyda gave trainer Cassandra Judd a call, explaining that they were interested in trying Ruby Bleu on the Tapeta surface at Presque Isle Downs. Ruby quickly became a barn favorite.

"He was kept in the first stall because he was the friendliest to greet first in the mornings," Judd said. "He was the epitome of 'class old horse.' He knew his job and gave 110 percent every day. He was confident and brave, while also kind and forgiving. He was the kind of horse a trainer wishes they could have a barn full of."

As he prepared for his ninth season of racing, all three agreed that Ruby Bleu had accomplished more than enough on the track. However, Ruby was keen while in training so the team pushed forward. Brown noted that the gelding was smart enough to take care of himself, enabling him to stay sound for his whole career.

"Brian was more pragmatic in his approach while Donny carried more enthusiasm," said Judd. "It was a welcome balance while I sorted out the plan for his next start."

Ruby Bleu crossed under the finish line for the last time in July, going a mile and a sixteenth and holding his own in second before fading in the stretch. It was time for a new career, and Brown was adamant that his homebred find the perfect home.

"Although he did not win his 100th start, I am certain he had another win in him, but a happy retirement seemed more fitting," admitted Brown. "Pennsylvania has been good to Ruby Bleu, and Ruby Bleu has been good to almost everyone who has ever been involved with him. In racing, he was not limited to being a 'state-bred only' product. At eight years old, he could still win a \$40,000 claimer in New York. But the PA-Bred program really helped and it really rewards all of the owners, trainers and breeders who know it is a quality program."



# RUBY BLEU (CONT.)

The day after his last race, Ruby Bleu's sales ad was posted on Facebook and it drew an immense amount of attention. Judd had contacted Lacey Williams of Fidelia Stables, knowing that she would be the perfect one to sort through the dozens of interested buyers. Williams' ad was positive but firm: Ruby would only be rehomed to a permanent one, and Brown wanted regular updates. The ideal candidate would also be willing to create a social media presence and potentially take Ruby to the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover in 2025. Amanda Chance in Ocala, Fla., turned out to be that perfect home.

"Donny was very pleased to know Ruby was going to a home where he would not only be doted over, but would be able to train in a new career that many who have worked with him over the years believed he would excel in if given the opportunity," Judd said proudly. "Amanda made a Ruby Bleu Facebook page and updates it almost daily.

"He's been such a tremendous ambassador for PA horse racing. I was blessed and privileged to help him make his 100th start, but I couldn't have done it without the love so many others poured into him throughout his life. I'm confident some of those people and his fans would like to continue to show their support for him in new tack on the Ruby Bleu Facebook page."

Ruby Bleu, now nicknamed "Ruberto," arrived in Ocala on July 9. Chance is especially excited to work with him, but for now she's letting him have some downtime. She hopes to compete in the Thoroughbred Makeover eventing discipline next year, which means that Ruby Bleu needs to be kept eligible by waiting until December before officially starting his new career. She already knows that he is going to be a challenge in keeping his brain occupied since he is such a workhorse.

"He's already bored," Chance laughed. "I'm so delighted to have ended up with him. He's such a classy horse. I think he will be an incredible ambassador for Thoroughbreds in general and older warhorses in particular. People hesitate to buy them because of their age or number of races, but I think if a horse can have a long career at the track, you know for sure that it can stay sound and has a good work ethic. What better qualities can you get in a sporthorse?"

"Ruby Bleu in particular is such a great example. His legs look fantastic, he's put together beautifully and he's incredibly intelligent. He looks every inch an athlete and I'm betting he'll definitely be able to jump. We'll find out if I'm right!" ■



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## FASIG-TIPTON: THE JULY SALE RESULTS — JULY 9

Hip	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Purchaser	Price
2	3/1/23	B	F	Basin	Alexandria Wa	Bluegrass Cat	Blackstone Farm LLC	Legacy Bloodstock Agent	not sold	25,000
25	4/20/23	CH	F	Raging Bull (FR)	Dynamizzen	Mizzen Mast	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent	not sold	12,000
92	4/16/23	CH	C	More Than Ready	Amber Grace	Elusive Quality	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent	not sold	42,000
104	3/25/23	DKB	F	Improbable	Awesomemundo	Awesome Again	Dale N. Krapf	Ballysax Bloodstock Agent III	Resolute Bloodstock	75,000
109	2/17/23	B	C	Street Boss	Beautify	Lemon Drop Kid	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent	The Elkstone Group LLC	30,000
173	2/26/23	B	C	Mendelssohn	Kattegat	Empire Maker	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent	Amerman Racing LLC	90,000
225	4/16/23	CH	F	Munnings	Queen Scheherazade	Smart Strike	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent	not sold	105,000
260	3/30/23	B	C	Yaupon	Sweet Promises	Bernardini	Blackstone Farm LLC	Four Star Sales Agent	Legion Bloodstock	135,000

## FASIG-TIPTON: THE SARATOGA SALE SALE — AUGUST 5-6

Hip	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Consignor
12	3/28/23	CH	F	Gun Runner	Chic Thrill	Smart Strike	Caroline & Gregory Bentley	Paramount Sales Agent
70	3/13/23	B	C	Not This Time	Judy In Disguise (GB)	Elusive City	Caroline & Gregory Bentley	Paramount Sales Agent
81	2/18/23	CH	C	Justify	Mahkama	Bernardini	Blackstone Farm LLC	C & S Thoroughbreds Agent
95	4/13/23	B	C	Good Magic	Moonlight Serenade	Malibu Moon	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency Agent





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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
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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
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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## **CARESS S-G3**

SAR, \$200,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 5 1/2 FT, 7-25.

## **WON - DONTLOOKBACKATALL**

f, 4, Peace and Justice–Celtic Arch, by Arch.  
(\$150,000 2022 OBSMAR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing and Titledown Racing Stables, B-A1A Racing (PA), T-Christophe Clement, J-Irad Ortiz Jr., \$110,000.

For the third time in four years, a PA-Bred filly made the trip to Saratoga and came home the winner of the Grade 3 Caress Stakes for turf sprinting fillies and mares. The 2024 running's thrilling finish saw Dontlookbackatall record her third stakes victory in a row, and first in graded company.

The fancy dark bay daughter of Blackstone Farm sire Peace and Justice was one of 10 in the field, and went off the fifth choice at nearly 9-1. Breaking from the 8 post, she had clear running room behind three of her rivals setting the pace, led by graded stakes winner Future Is Now, who sped through opening fractions of :21.49, :43.82 and :55.39.

With Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard for trainer Christophe Clement, the West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing and Titledown Racing Stables' filly was ready to make her run down the stretch as a wall of horses were about to descend on the frontrunners. Ortiz was set to go to the inside, but quickly switched Dontlookbackatall out. She took off, collaring Future Is Now late as Danse Macabre surged along the rail and a rallying Secret Money came up between runners. The four 4-year-old fillies hit the wire in a blanket finish, with Dontlookbackatall scoring by a neck over Danse Macabre, with Future Is Now a neck back in third. Less than five lengths covered the first eight finishers. The final time was 1:01.39 over the firm turf.

Said Clement of Ortiz's ride. "You can see he is looking behind him to get in that spot – he loved that spot. He has plenty of horse and most people would have moved earlier. He is waiting and waiting and even now coming to the stretch they are all out, all of them, and look how cool he is still sitting. I mean, it's an extraordinary remarkable ride. Well done, Irad."

"She gave me the confidence," said Ortiz. "I've been riding her last [two] starts and she's been winning and she's there for me. I just trust her and it worked out perfect."

In May, Dontlookbackatall got her first stakes win in the \$150,000 License Fee at the Belmont At the Big A meet, and seven weeks later captured the \$100,000 Power by Far at Parx. Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds for \$150,000 at the 2022 OBS March 2-year-old sale, she now has earnings of \$487,290, with six wins and five seconds in 13 starts.

Bred by Steve Young's A1A Racing out of the Arch mare Celtic Arch, whom Young bought for \$3,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale, she is one of three winners from four starters for her dam, who also produced the graded stakes-placed turf runner En Wye Cee (by Declaration of War). Celtic Arch was bred to PA-based Peace and Justice four times; she has a 3-year-old PA-Bred colt, Harrison C, who has placed twice this year, and a 2-year-old PA-Bred filly named Obsidian currently on the Saratoga worktab.

Dontlookbackatall joins stablemate Roses for Debra (2023) and Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1 champion Caravel (2021) as winners of the race, with Ortiz aboard them all. Roses for Debra was this year's Caress morning-line favorite, but Clement was forced to scratch her when she came down with a fever.

Next up may be Saratoga's \$150,000 Smart N Fancy on Aug. 23, another race won by both Roses for Debra and Caravel. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## MALVERN ROSE S

PID, \$100,000, 3YOF, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  FA, 7-8.

### WON - GREAVETTE

f, 3, Astern (AUS)—Convertible, by Forestry. (\$10,000 2021 KEENOV; \$20,000 2022 FTKOCT; \$92,000 2023 OBSAPR)  
O-Upland Flats Racing, B-Heart Hill Farms LLC (PA),  
T-James B. Begg, J-Gaddiel A. Martinez, \$59,400.

### 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-Lillith E. Boucher (PA), \$19,800.

### 3RD - FLAMINGO WAY

f, 3, Social Inclusion, - Mia, by Put It Back. O-Briardale Stable,  
B-Joseph Imbesi (PA), \$13,612.

Two starts at Presque Isle Downs has yielded two stakes wins for Upland Flats Racing's Greavette, who adds this year's Malvern Rose Stakes for PA-Bred 3-year-old fillies to her 2-year-old turn in last year's Finest City Stakes.

A well-traveled filly with starts at six different tracks in seven trips to the post, Greavette was searching for her second career win when lining up for the Malvern Rose. She went off the second-longest shot on the board, at 9-1, in the field of six contesting 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs on the all-weather Tapeta surface.

Facing the longest distance of her career, Greavette sprinted clear soon after the start and wasn't challenged until deep stretch, when second-choice and multiple stakes winner Carmelina took aim and closed the gap. The final winning margin was three-quarters of a length as the Astern (Aus) filly crossed the wire in 1:16.58, off fractions of :23.01, :46.14 and 1:10.33.

Greavette has been based at Woodbine since the spring with trainer James Bentley Begg, and was unplaced in her two prior sophomore starts: the off-the-turf Limestone Stakes at Keeneland and a Woodbine turf allowance against older runners.

Her 2-year-old season had been more productive. In addition to her stakes win at Presque Isle, she finished second in a Colonial Downs maiden special weight and was third in Aqueduct's Stewart Manor Stakes. With her recent score, she has a record of 7-2-1-1 for earnings of \$149,203.

She is the fourth foal, all of them winners, bred by Leigh Herzberger's Heart Hill Farms out of the Forestry mare Convertible (a \$5,000 broodmare prospect purchase in January 2017).

Greavette sold at public auction three times, the price growing in each. A \$10,000 Keeneland November weanling, she brought \$20,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale, and went home with Begg on a bid of \$92,000 out of the 2023 OBS April 2-year-old sale. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## HARD SPUN S

PID, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1M&70YA, 7-22.

### WON - TWILIGHT DANCER

c, 3, Tapiture–Moonlight Basin, by Eurosilver. O-Warrior’s Reward LLC, B-Warrior’s Reward LLC (PA), T-Tim Girten, J-Pablo Morales, \$58,200.

### 2ND - HE’S A MESS

g, 6, Dramedy, - Nightfury, by Kitalpha. O-Linda Martinez, B-Eddy R. Martinez and Linda Martinez (PA), \$19,400.

### 3RD - EXTRASEXYBIGDADDEE

g, 6, Congrats, - Extra Sexy Psychic, by Freud. O-Kirwan Equine Group, Inc., B-Toni M. Kirwan and Edward Hipps (PA), \$10,670.

Twilight Dancer has shown an affinity for Presque Isle Downs. Making four starts at the Erie track over in the past two months, he racked up three wins, including his first in a stakes, when he prevailed over favorite He’s a Mess to win the \$100,000 Hard Spun Stakes on July 22.

One of only two 3-year-olds in the eight-horse field, the Tim Girten trainee had tackled older state-bred rivals in allowance company in his previous start on July 3, flying home a 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-length winner. The Hard Spun for PA-Breds at a mile and 70 yards proved to be the perfect next spot for the long-legged chestnut son of Tapiture.

Breaking from the outside post, Pablo Morales moved Twilight Dancer over and reserved him in midpack, more than five lengths behind quick opening fractions of :23.42 and :46.42 over the Tapeta as the other 3-year-old in the field, stakes winner Going Up, dueled with longshot Paynted Warrior, second-choice Nice Ace and recent With Anticipation Stakes winner Fierce and Strong.

As the four on the lead remained in a battle heading into the far turn, He’s a Mess made a dazzling move to the outside and surged alongside Twilight Dancer, who went with him. The two swallowed up the leaders and battled down the stretch, with blaze-faced Twilight Dancer never yielding to the 6-year-old to his outside, digging in to win by a head. The final time was 1:39.79, the third-fastest at the distance this meet.

The Warrior’s Reward LLC homebred has four wins and four placings in 11 starts, for earnings of \$193,680. Last November, after breaking his maiden at Parx Racing in his third try, he just missed when second by a nose to Capo in the Pennsylvania Nursery. This year in his only other stakes appearance, he was fifth, beaten 4 lengths, in Presque Isle’s Tom Ridge Stakes against open company – the worst finish in his career.

He is the third of four foals out of the stakes-placed Eurosilver mare Moonlight Basin. A Minnesota-bred who made her way to Pennsylvania after starting her career at Canterbury Park, the durable Moonlight Basin was retired at the end of 2017 at age 4 after making 15 starts that year in which she finished in the top three 13 times. For her career, she won seven of 30 starts. Her first foal, a gelding by Tapiture named Magicinthemoonlight, bred by Warrior’s Reward LLC, has gone on to earn \$346,630 in three seasons to race, and this year has been on the board in six of his eight starts.

Moonlight Basin produced the winning Warrior’s Reward filly Moonshine Warrior in 2020, and Twilight Dancer the next. She has a 2-year-old Warrior’s Reward colt named Preach It Warrior who has been working steadily at Presque Isle since June. The mare has not had a reported foal the last two years after being bred back to Warrior’s Reward and Tapiture. ■





# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## PRINCESS OF SYLMAR S

PID, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M&70YA, 7-29.

### WON - ROSIE'S ALIBI

f, 4, Justify, - Essential Rose, by Bernardini. (\$300,000 RNA 2020 FTKNOV; \$625,000 2021 FTSAUG) O-MyRacehorse, B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA), T-Michael J. Trombetta, J-Antonio A. Gallardo, \$57,000.

### 2ND - NEW HIRE

m, 5, Lookin At Lucky – Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted. O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA). \$19,000.

### 3RD - GENEVIEVE'S Z VA

m, 8, Alpha, - Lady Carson M D, by Lord Carson. O-Cathy Carr Rozantz, B-Joseph L. Maloney (PA), \$10,450.

In the summer of 2021, a Justify filly out of Blackstone Farm's unraced Bernardini mare Essential Rose made headlines when she sold for \$625,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale. Purchased by the popular MyRacehorse ownership group, the bay filly headed to Todd Pletcher in New York. Named Rosie's Alibi, she dazzled in her second start at 2 in a Parx maiden special weight on Pennsylvania Derby Day, and next out was third in the Tempted Stakes at Aqueduct. Then poof.

Making bigger headlines while Rosie's Alibi was on the sidelines for nearly a year was her year-older half-sister Roses for Debra. Winner of the Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle Downs a few months before Rosie's Alibi got her first win, Roses for Debra captured the Caress Stakes-G3 and Smart N Fancy Stakes back-to-back at Saratoga in the summer of 2023. This year the daughter of Liam's Map has run twice, both graded stakes, with a win in the Grade 3 Giant's Causeway at Keeneland, and a second in the Grade 2 Intercontinental at Saratoga.

Rosie's Alibi says don't forget about me.

Returning to action last fall at Keeneland, and hitting the board in allowance company at Churchill, Rosie's Alibi was turned over to trainer Michael J. Trombetta after she was well-beaten at Gulfstream Park in late January. She has found a return to Pennsylvania

the perfect solution to revitalizing her career. In three starts since May, Rosie's Alibi has three wins, including the Princess of Sylmar Stakes on July 29 at Presque Isle.

Sent off the overwhelming 6-5 favorite against nine rivals in the PA-Bred stakes, Rosie's Alibi tracked 69-1 Genevieve's Z Va for most of the first mile off dawdling fractions of :25.28, :49.84 and 1:13.80. As the game Genevieve's Z Va continued to hold her lead around the turn, Rosie's Alibi and Antonio Gallardo were boxed in for a bit along the rail before the leader drifted out enough to open up a path. The favorite slowly reeled in the leader before pulling away late and holding off New Hire for a three-quarter-length win. Genevieve's Z Va held on for third. Final time for the mile and 70 yards was 1:42.51.

Getting her fourth win in nine career starts, along with one second and one third, Rosie's Alibi now has earnings of \$196,870.

She is the third stakes winner for Essential Rose, who was purchased by Blackstone Farm for \$32,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale (in foal to Lookin At Lucky) after producing her first foal, stakes winner Rose's Vision, that January. The mare's most recent foal is a 2-year-old American Pharoah filly named Yesterday who made her first start at Saratoga on July 21. ■



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## DASHING BEAUTY S

DEL, \$125,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 7-7.

### 2ND - LATE FROST

f, 4, Frosted-La La's Cookin, by Harlan's Holiday.  
O-Runnymore Racing LLC, B-Gregory and Caroline Bentley Breeders (PA), \$31,250.

## ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H-G1

SAR, \$350,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 7-27.

### 3RD - TWISTED RIDE

g, 5, 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), \$42,000.

## JOHN A. NERUD S-G2

BAQ, \$200,000, 4YO/UP, 7F, 7-6.

### 3RD - NINETYPRCENTMADDIE

g, 4, Weigelia-Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.  
O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), \$24,000.

## BATTERY PARK S

DEL, \$175,000, 3YO/UP, 11/16M, 7-7.

### 3RD - MOVISITOR

c, 4, Uncle Mo-Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro.  
(\$120,000 2023 FTKHRA) O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC,  
B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc. (PA), \$19,250.

## FRANK J. DE FRANCIS

### MEMORIAL DASH S

LRL, \$150,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 7-28.

### 3RD - GORDIAN KNOT

g, 4, Social Inclusion-Mia, by Put It Back.  
O-Joseph M. Imbesi, B-Mr. and Mrs. Joe Imbesi (PA), \$15,000.

## VICTORIA S

WO, \$125,000, 2YO, 5 1/2FA, 7-19.

### 3RD - SHADOW FACTOR

g, 2, The Factor, - Amy Farah Fowler, by Astrology.  
O-Ron G. Potts, B-Ron G. Potts (PA), \$10,085.

## ALAPOCAS RUN S

DEL, \$125,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 7-8.

### 3RD - GORDIAN KNOT

g, 4, Social Inclusion-Mia, by Put It Back.  
O-Joseph M. Imbesi, B-Mr. and Mrs. Joe Imbesi (PA), \$15,000.



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**\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 7 furlongs



Friday, May 31 **\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
**\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES** 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Monday, June 24 **\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES** 3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
**\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf



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



Monday, July 29 **\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards



**\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP** 3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf  
**\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
**\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES** 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards  
**\$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  
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2ND - NINETYPERCENTMADDIE  
3RD - UNCLE ERNIE

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2ND - DOCTOR ABBIE  
3RD - WARRIOR'S RANSOM

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Friday, May 31

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1ST - STERN CHASER  
2ND - LADY OUTOF THE BLUE  
3RD - PRINCESS JAVONCIA

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1ST - FIERCE AND STRONG  
2ND - CRISPER  
3RD - A WESTERN YARN

PARX RACING  
Monday, June 24

**\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES** 3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf

1ST - DONTLOOKBACKATALL  
2ND - ORGANIZED CHAOS  
3RD - EIGHT DANZAS

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1ST - TREVESSO  
2ND - CAPO  
3RD - MAX BARLEY

# PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS

## PRESQUE ISLE

Monday, July 8

### \$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES

3YO f, 6 1/2 furlongs

1ST - GREAVETTE

2ND - CARMELINA

3RD - FLAMINGO WAY

## PRESQUE ISLE

Monday, July 22

### \$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards

1ST - TWILIGHT DANCER

2ND - HE'S A MESS

3RD - EXTRASEXYBIGDADDEE

## PRESQUE ISLE

Monday, July 29

### \$100,000 PRINCESS SYLMAR STAKES

3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards

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