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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The first two of four PA-Bred 2yo Stakes to finish up 2025 were run at PARX on Nov. 26. Congratulations to the Ed Bussinger-bred Divine Intentions, who led the field all the way around the oval and held on to win the \$100,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes. Congrats also goes out to Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC-bred Mailata, a gate-to-wire winner by 3½ lengths of the \$100,000 Nursery Stakes. Also on that day's card, Westerly Farm-bred Maximus Meridius won his second open-company Black-Type race of 2025 when he took home the Let's Give Thanks Stakes.

The last two stakes of 2025 for PA-Bred and Sired 2yos will be run on Dec. 30 at PARX. I'm happy to announce that there will be no registration fee for the Series in 2026. If your 2YO is a PA-Sired PA-Bred, you will be automatically registered and eligible to run.



Congratulations also go out to the 18 breeders who surpassed the \$100,000 mark in total awards through October! Our leaders, Warriors Reward and Uptowncharlybrown Stud, are fighting it out again this year. We have over 300 breeders that have received an award in 2025. If you want to become part of our program or just want more information, give me a call at 610 444 1050. Good Luck for the balance of 2025 and remember, PA is the only place to breed and race!!

Brian Sanfratello
Executive Secretary

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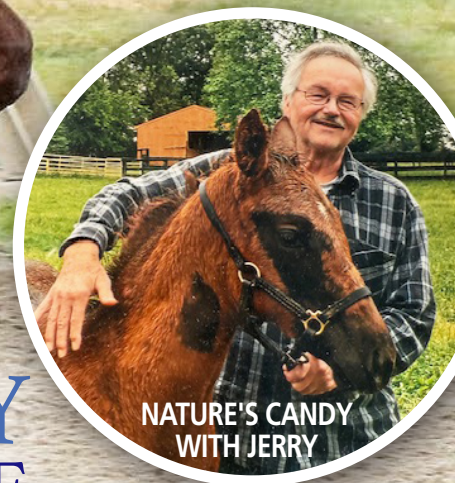
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NATURE'S CANDY BRINGS IT FULL CIRCLE FOR THE KOLYBABIUKS



NATURE'S CANDY
WITH JERRY

It was a moment that felt like destiny. When Nature's Candy broke from the gate in the \$75,000 Disco Chick Stakes at Parx Racing, the 5-year-old mare went straight to the lead and never looked back, wiring the field. For breeder-owner Dr. Yaroslav "Jerry" Kolybabiuk, the victory was far more than another win, it was an echo of his farm's proudest legacy.

The Kolybabiuks' Thoroughbred dream began in 1984, when they purchased a 21-acre property in Moorestown, N.J., just over the Pennsylvania border, and named it Freedom Acres. Both Jerry and his wife Maria are of Ukrainian descent—he was born in Austria, she in Germany—and they named the property in gratitude for the country that had given them an opportunity.

"At the time, I was a busy physician and surgeon, dividing my days between Philadelphia and New Jersey," Kolybabiuk remembered. "Our lives were full, yet the farm became an even bigger place of joy and renewal, a world away from the hospital corridors."

“Disco Chick inherited her mother’s fire and flair. She was a standout on the track, was our first Pennsylvania-Bred stakes winner...”

— Jerry Kolybabiuk

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DISCO CHICK
LIFETIME EARNINGS
OF \$735,250



Between surgeries and medical duties, Kolybabiuk built the farm himself, while Maria managed the mares and foals. The couple personally handled nearly everything, from mucking stalls to feeding, their teamwork transforming a modest property into a breeding farm that would span generations. “Every piece of wood in the barn, every post in the fence—I built it myself,” Kolybabiuk said proudly. “That’s why we called it Freedom Acres. It gave us both a sense of peace and purpose.”

One morning while Jerry was in the operating room, Maria was tending to a different kind of birth, resulting in a spirited Disco Rico filly they named Disco Flirt. “From her first steps, she carried herself with energy and elegance,” he recalled. Disco Flirt went on to become a six-figure earner on the track and later an exceptional broodmare, producing as her first foal a filly who would define Freedom Acres for years to come: Disco Chick.

Kolybabiuk fondly remembered: “Disco Chick inherited her mother’s fire and flair. She was a standout on the track, was our first Pennsylvania-Bred stakes winner, and earned nearly a million dollars when factoring in Pennsylvania’s Breeder Awards program.”

In 2014 she was named Champion Three-Year-Old Filly at Parx Racing after four allowance victories and a stakes-placing. A quieter 2015 season followed, but he never lost faith. “Many people would have retired her, but I knew she wasn’t finished yet,” he said.

His instincts proved right. That next spring she was nearly unstoppable. Disco Chick returned stronger than ever, finishing second by a half-length in the \$75,000 Primonetta Stakes at Laurel Park before rattling off three consecutive stakes victories in less than a month: the \$100,000 My Juliet Stakes at Parx, the \$100,000 Skipat Stakes at Pimlico and the

\$100,000 Foxy J. G. at Parx. Each time she broke like a rocket and dared her rivals to catch her. "She was naturally fast," Kolybabiuk said. "She just loved to run."

By season's end, Disco Chick had been crowned Parx Racing's 2016 Horse of the Year and Champion Older Female. In her final season, she ran second in four consecutive stakes, captured Monmouth's Regret Stakes, and finished her career with 10 wins, 30 top-three finishes, and \$735,250 in official earnings.

Thus retired, Kolybabiuk sold her at the 2018 Keeneland January sale for \$180,000 as a broodmare prospect, where she was purchased by Juddmonte Farms for the sole purpose of breeding her to none other than future Hall of Famer Arrogate. Since then, Disco Chick has become a star

patient breeding, hands-on care, and belief that a small, home-built farm could produce top-class runners.

Four decades after the first post went into the ground at Freedom Acres, a new filly was born in Pennsylvania on Feb. 26, 2020. A daughter of Uncle Lino and Easter Blossom, she's a third-generation homebred.

"I've always loved nature deeply," noted Kolybabiuk. "When the filly was born, I wanted her name to reflect that affection. I thought, 'If nature deserved something sweet and wonderful, it would be candy.' And so she became Nature's Candy."

On Oct. 7, that pretty chestnut mare ran the best race of her life in a \$75,000 allowance at Parx Racing when she took the lead at the start and never looked back, ultimately

winning under wraps 6 lengths ahead of a talented field that included millionaire Morning Matcha. Two weeks later she returned for the inaugural Disco Chick Stakes. Nature's Candy broke sharply, assumed command immediately, and never gave it up, drawing away by 2½ lengths to secure her fifth win of the season, and first stakes win.

"When we learned about the new race, Maria and I were thrilled," Kolybabiuk said. "It felt like life had come full circle. To see one of our own win a race named after another of our own—it was indescribable. Pride, nostalgia, and gratitude all at once. And by sheer coincidence, her mother Easter Blossom had spent her life in a paddock with Disco Flirt. The connection felt almost magical, as if destiny were weaving their bloodlines together."

For the Kolybabiuks, the symbolism went far deeper than the purse. It represented 40 years of devotion to the horses they raised and the dream they built together. Nature's Candy is the living embodiment of that legacy.

Though they sold Freedom Acres in 2021 and now reside in Florida, the couple's passion for breeding remains undiminished. From a hand-built farm in New Jersey to the bright lights of the winner's circle, the Kolybabiuks' journey is one of perseverance and heart. They continue to raise horses from both the Disco Flirt and Easter Blossom lines, hopeful that their descendants will help carry Pennsylvania's breeding program to new heights. ■

DISCO CHICK
SHOWN WINNING THE
MY JULIET STAKES



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broodmare herself. Her 3-year-old son Disco Time (by Not This Time) is undefeated in five career starts, most recently scoring by 9¾ lengths in the \$200,000 Dwyer Stakes at Aqueduct on Nov. 8. His career earnings already top \$550,000 and additional victories include the \$250,000 Lecomte Stakes-G3 at the Fair Grounds last January and the \$250,000 St. Louis Derby at Fairmount Park in September.

For the Kolybabiuks, who had moved their breeding program from New Jersey to Pennsylvania in the late 2000s to take advantage of the state's growing incentives, Disco Chick represented everything they had worked for: decades of

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FRANKIE'S EMPIRE



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New stallions are on the move to Pennsylvania for 2026. Each of them packs a serious punch with a race record that included a trip on the Triple Crown trail and a stacked pedigree.

Four-year-old fresh retiree Frankie's Empire will join the stallion roster at WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., for \$2,500. And Max Player moves to Mountain Springs Farm in Palmyra, Pa., for \$3,000. Both offer special consideration for Pennsylvania-foaling mares.

Frankie's Empire was a star from the get-go, winning first time out at Monmouth Park in June of his juvenile season. He finished third that summer in the \$200,000 Sapling Stakes while meeting future superstar Dornoch for the first

time. He also captured allowance races at Delaware Park and Parx Racing, defeating several future stakes winners including Maximus Meridius and Twilight Dancer.

Poor northern weather that winter sent Frankie's Empire south to Florida where he immediately lit up the tote board at 14-1 in his sophomore debut, capturing the 7-furlong \$125,000 Swale Stakes at Gulfstream Park by 3½ lengths. He followed that up with a third in the \$400,000 Fountain of Youth Stakes-G2, just two lengths behind Dornoch in the 1 1/16-mile test.

"He impressed (trainer) Michael Yates so much that he put him on the Derby trail," remembered owner Frank DeLuca. "He ran that huge race in the Fountain of Youth, just missing



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"When (he arrived), the kids were lined up with carrots and peppermints, but my son claimed him right away. Now he tells anyone who will listen that his dad named 'the best horse' after him. The name really comes from the instant bond the two of them had the minute Frankie's Empire stepped off the trailer."

Frankie's Empire is sired by Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion Classic Empire, out of the stakes-placed Dixie Union mare Donna D. He is a half-brother to stakes winner Chaparella and stakes-placed Streetlady. Classic Empire also sired Pennsylvania-bred millionaire Angel of Empire, a Grade 1 winner with a third-place finish in the Kentucky Derby behind none other than Dornoch's older half-brother Mage.

DeLuca emphasized that the decision to stand Frankie's Empire as a stallion was multi-pronged. "He's balanced, super athletic and one of those horses who just moves right. He was the type who wanted to win no matter what the circumstances were. Nothing rattled him. One thing every trainer kept saying is how incredible his mind was. His great temperament made their lives easier, with his kindness and willingness to do the right thing, which is exactly what you want to pass down to foals. When people look at him now as a stallion, I hope they see him as a fighter, a horse who had every excuse to fail, but instead kept showing up, kept climbing the ladder and kept proving people wrong. That's why we're so excited for people to meet him."

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Dornoch – and honestly, if there was even a hint of a pace in that race, the story might have been different. We really thought we were on our way to the Kentucky Derby. And in the Florida Derby, he was starting to make that big move on the turn when he took a bad step."

Despite that sudden derailment, Frankie's Empire came back to score a handicap win at Gulfstream that June. After a 10-month break, he returned in the Evangeline Mile Stakes in Louisiana this past April, rallying from last to finish third. He closed out his career with five wins and three thirds from 12 starts, along with \$300,900 in earnings.

DeLuca noted, "His career was short, but it was packed with big moments with the odds stacked against him since he was a baby. We were only able to afford him in the first place because he stepped on a stick as a baby. It went through his hoof and into his pastern, and a lot of the big owners and trainers looked at him but didn't want to take the risk of spending six-figure money on a horse with a question mark. Thankfully our agent, Brenda Zoppo, saw through that and got us a special horse. He just powered through and became a serious racehorse."

Frankie's Empire was always destined to be a family legend, as he is named after DeLuca's son Frankie. His three siblings tease their brother that the colt was only named after him because they are all girls.

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MAX PLAYER

FRANKIE'S EMPIRE & MAX PLAYER CONT.

Max Player joins the deep stallion roster at Mountain Springs Farm after two seasons in New Jersey. He's by the terrifically bred champion Honor Code, a son of A.P. Indy from the female family of Hall of Famer Serena's Song. His stakes-winning dam Fools in Love (Not For Love) is a half-sister to millionaire International Star, whose resume includes four graded stakes victories. Honor Code is the sire of the young stallion Honor A. P., who already boasts multiple stakes winners from just two crops to race, including Grade 2 winner Margie's Intention and 2025 juvenile stakes winner Romeo, each million-dollar sales horses.

Max Player himself is a millionaire with career earnings of \$1,551,266. The colt broke his maiden at Parx Racing at 2 by daylight before a smashing sophomore debut in the \$250,000 Withers Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct where he ran off to win by 3¼ lengths. That was the topsy-turvy classic season of 2020 – in his second start of the year he finished third in the Belmont Stakes, followed by a third in the Travers Stakes, both behind Tiz the Law. He finished fifth of 15, just behind Honor A. P. in fourth, in the Kentucky Derby-G1 in September and fifth again (out of 11) in the Preakness-G1 in October. And then he improved at 4. Max Player won on a fast track and in the slop, capturing the \$1 million Jockey Club Gold Cup-G1 and \$400,000 Suburban Handicap-G2, both historic New York handicap races run at 1¼ miles. In the latter, he defeated Dubai World Cup-G1 winner Mystic Guide by a hard-fought neck.

Owner George Hall noted, "Max Player was a durable racehorse and showed tremendous talent over his career. He was one of the only horses of his generation to compete in all three Triple Crown races. Considering his racing record, I think breeding to Max should be compelling for owners of mares in Pennsylvania."

Max Player brings with him a crop of weanlings foaled in New Jersey that Hall is thoroughly impressed with.

"They look tremendous and we are looking forward to those dropping in 2026."

Ironically, both Max Player and Frankie's Empire have owners with their own farms in New Jersey, but they have purposely chosen to offer their stallions in the Keystone State.

"Prior to deciding to move Max Player, I attended a luncheon organized by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and found everyone to be very enthusiastic about PA horse racing and breeding," said Hall. "They were very supportive about bringing Max Player over. I have always been a fan myself of Pennsylvania racing. Over the years, I have run horses at Presque Isle, Penn National and Parx. As a matter of fact, Max's first two races were at Parx. I find the breeding program to be exceptional and it made sense to stand Max in PA for the foreseeable future. I am excited to have Max in PA and look forward to rooting for his offspring all across the state."

Frank DeLuca wholeheartedly agrees. "The PA breeding program is incredibly strong. The bonuses, awards and support system make it one of the best places to stand a stallion or breed a mare. I have heard from many breeders in the state who say how helpful the (PHBA) has been with local breeders and reward people who invest in young horses. With a program that generous and well-run, it was an easy decision to bring Frankie's Empire to PA."

Pennsylvania is also just plain sentimental for DeLuca, who credits owner Jack Armstrong and trainer Mark Fusco as mentors. "When we were just getting started as young owners back in 2003, PA was the place where everything clicked for us. It has always felt like home turf for us. It's where our roots are, where we learned the ropes and where a lot of our best racing memories have come from. So between our history there, the strength of the program, the people we've trusted for over 20 years and the team at WynOaks, Pennsylvania just felt like the perfect fit." ■



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Joe Nevills - 11.17.2025

From a \$12,500 claim, Pachelbel climbed the ladder to become a six-figure claim and lead all runners by 2025 Pennsylvania-bred incentive earnings through September

There are a lot of horses out there who will never make 15 starts in their entire on-track careers, owing to talent, injury, breeding considerations, or myriad other factors. Pachelbel has broken from the starting gate 15 times in 2025 alone, and that consistency has been a windfall for the people who helped her get there.

Pachelbel, a 5-year-old Hoppertunity mare, has run 15 times this year, and the 13 starts she made from January through the end of September brought in a combined \$158,717 in Pennsylvania incentive earnings. Her rock-steady campaign is also an example of a horse making a successful climb up the claiming ladder in a system where the only direction oftentimes is down.



\$518,690 IN CAREER EARNINGS

PENNSYLVANIA LEADERBOARD (CONT.)

In the spring of 2024, Pachelbel was claimed twice in as many starts at Parx Racing, each for \$7,500. Three starts later in July 2024, she was claimed for \$12,500 by owner CDI Thoroughbreds and trainer Ernesto Padilla-Preciado, who guided the then-filly through the rest of her 16-start campaign that season, which included a runner-up effort in the Plum Pretty Stakes at Parx.

Pachelbel raced 22 times for CDI Thoroughbreds from August 2024 to October 2025. She finished worse than fourth just once in that timespan, and she finished third or better in all but two starts. In that time, she steadily climbed the ladder from straight claiming races to allowance optional claiming contests of increasing purses, where she was rarely offered for the tag.

Though she was steadily in the mix to kick off her 2025 campaign, Pachelbel needed six starts to tally her first victory of the season, with jockey Kendrick Carmouche patiently waiting for his spot, then pouncing in the stretch to win a one-mile optional claiming race by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths on April 9.

That victory would kick off a run through the spring and summer where Pachelbel won four of six starts, finding the winner's circle in races from seven furlongs to $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles. The margin of victory grew with each win, with the last in that run being an effortless $5\frac{1}{2}$ -length score in a seven-furlong starter optional claiming race on July 24.

Fifteen months after claiming Pachelbel for \$12,500, her connections entered her in a one-mile allowance optional claiming race on Oct. 7, and left her open for the \$100,000 claiming price. After the mare finished third, she was picked up for the six-figure tag by new trainer Michael Moore and new owners Hardesty Stables and Michael Day.

While the claim, and the race that preceded it, closed an extremely profitable circle for CDI Thoroughbreds, it also

meant another nice check in the mail for the people who helped bring Pachelbel to the races and campaigned her in Pennsylvania. As a horse who has run so many times and consistently finished in the top three, practically every start she made sent more money to the mailboxes of her connections.

Through the end of September CDI Thoroughbreds earned an additional \$50,588 in Pennsylvania owners awards, which was the most of any horse in that timespan.

For having a Pennsylvania-bred and -sired runner, CDI Thoroughbreds was eligible for a 40 percent purse bonus on Pachelbel's overnight races for top three finishes at Parx.

Because Pachelbel is both a Pennsylvania-bred and Pennsylvania-sired runner, she is eligible for a 40 percent breeders' award bonus on purse earnings from races within the state.

That brought in \$86,503 for breeder Newell Thoroughbreds, who also originally campaigned Pachelbel as a homebred. That amount was also the most generated by an individual horse over that stretch of time.

Pachelbel completed the trifecta by being the biggest individual stallion award earner, bringing in \$21,625 for Northview Stallion Station, who stood Hoppportunity in the Keystone State at the time of conception.

Registered Pennsylvania-breds by a state-resident sire earn a 10 percent bonus on purse for the stallion owner for first-through-third efforts at tracks within the state.

Pachelbel was bred in Pennsylvania by Newell Thoroughbreds, out of the stakes-placed Smarty Jones mare Brilliant Sunshine. She is the dam of six winners from eight foals to race, led by multiple stakes winner Precious. Her second dam is the Grade 2-placed stakes winner Tomorrows Sunshine. ■



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Hip	Name	Book	DOB	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Covering Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Buyer Name	Sale Price
48		1	2/15/25	DKB	Colt	Yaupon	Brief Holiday	Harlan's Holiday		Elizabeth B. Barr	Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent III	Scott & Evan Dilworth	275,000
72		1	3/24/25	B	Filly	Curlin	Essential Rose	Bernardini		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	325,000
113		1	3/29/25	B	Colt	War Front	Kortoba	Distorted Humor		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	Royal Colors Racing, LLC	37,000
177		1	3/31/25	CH	Filly	Constitution	Queen Scheherazade	Smart Strike		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	Wesley Ward	185,000
374	Dontlookbackatall	2	2/4/20	DKB	Mare	Peace and Justice	Celtic Arch	Arch		A1A Racing	Lane's End, Agent	Solis/Litt	375,000
419	Greavette	2	4/3/21	B	Mare	Astern (AUS)	Convertible	Forestry	Dornoch	Heart Hill Farms LLC	Four Star Sales, Agent	Pure Bred Funding LLC	110,000
512	Never Again	2	3/21/21	DKB	Mare	No Nay Never	Tricky Escape	Hat Trick (JPN)	Essential Quality	Jon Marshall	Four Star Sales, Agent	Halcyon Farm	15,000
542	Puca Penny	2	2/12/16	DKB	Mare	Ghostzapper	Coppermine	Unbridled's Song	Essential Quality	Blackstone Farm LLC	Lisa and Tim Turney, Agent II	Glockenburg Holdings Anstalt	45,000
694	Bazinga C	2	3/20/19	DKB	Mare	Exaggerator	Bazinga B	Lion Hearted	Kingsbarns	Joseph Besecker	Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Agent	not sold	65,000
823		2	3/18/25	B	Filly	Arcangelo	Imperial Lady	Intidab		Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Paramount Sales, Agent XC	BTE Stables	10,000
905	Morning Matcha	2	2/13/19	B	Mare	Central Banker	Home Ice	Iam the Iceman		Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent V	SF Bloodstock & Newgate	250,000
1112	Belva Lockwood	3	3/18/17	DKB	Mare	Tiznow	Slews Golden Rule	Langfuhr	Olympiad	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXV	Chad Schumer, agent	19,000
1667	Joyant	3	4/5/21	B	Mare	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Cintra (IRE)	Camacho (GB)	Hard Spun	Erdenheim Thoroughbreds LLC	Denali Stud, Agent XL	Frank Ables	30,000
1696		3	3/19/25	B	Filly	Olympiad	Madam Meena	Include		Michael R. Cox	Darby Dan Farm, Agent	Capucines Bloodstock	45,000
1714	Meekat	3	4/14/21	CH	Mare	Kitten's Joy	Off Limits (IRE)	Mastercraftsman (IRE)	Omaha Beach	Erdenheim Thoroughbreds LLC	Denali Stud, Agent XL	not sold	35,000
1892	Wings of a Song	4	1/22/20	CH	Mare	Mendelssohn	Grand Prix	Tale of the Cat	Corniche	HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC	Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent	Sleeping Arrow Farm	75,000
1918		4	4/5/25	B	Colt	Blame	Arroblue	Arrogate		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	Star Stable	35,000
2042	Funding	4	3/30/22	DKB	Filly	Global Campaign	Rutherford Rd	First Samurai		Blackstone Farm LLC	Highgate Sales, Agent XIV	not sold	0
2079	Jets' Dream	4	1/24/20	B	Mare	Jump Start	Elena Says Hello	Harlan's Holiday	Beau Liam	Robert Mason Stone II	Kaizen Sales (Richard Kent), Agent II	not sold	17,000
2183	Power of Snunner	4	5/13/10	B	Mare	Power by Far	Snunner	Yarrow Brae	Dornoch	James M. Courtney	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCIII	not sold	55,000
2293		4	2/6/25	B	Colt	Zandon	Twisted Purpose	Hard Spun		Whysper Wynd Farm LLC	Nicky Drion Thoroughbreds, Agent IV	not sold	9,000
2361	Blissful Behavior	4	2/15/18	DKB	Mare	Into Mischief	Midnight Bliss	Midnight Lute	Maclean's Music	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	47,000
2426		4	4/22/25	B	Filly	Nashville	Eva Dakis	Medaglia d'Oro		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	22,000
2495	Keep the Magic	4	4/6/14	B	Mare	Malibu Moon	Trail Magic	Indian Charlie	Maclean's Music	Brushwood Stable	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent	Donato Lanni, agent	23,000
2529	Lucy N Ethel	4	4/25/13	DKB	Mare	During	Kid Silver	Silver Ghost	Army Mule	Jettany Tbred Corp & J.A.G. Racing	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent	Tommy Wentte	20,000
2551	Melancias Moon	4	2/23/17	CH	Mare	Malibu Moon	Take Me Home Too	Came Home	Known Agenda	JRita Young TbredsLLC & Spendthrift	Wynnstay Sales, Agent I	ESE	7,000
2612		4	4/13/25	CH	Colt	Volatile	Purple Feather	Distorted Humor		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	LMB Stables	13,000
2635	Scottish Symphony	4	4/26/20	DKB	Mare	Mendelssohn	Celtic Cross	Giant's Causeway	Sir Winston	Michael Moran	Gainesway, Agent XVI	K.O.I.D. Co., Ltd.	11,000
2692	Thanksforsayingit	4	1/12/20	DKB	Mare	Good Magic	Safe to Say	Justin Phillip	Annapolis	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	17,000
2735		4	2/6/25	B	Colt	Dialed In	Astern Affairs	Astern (AUS)		Elizabeth B. Barr	Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent III	Starline Thoroughbreds	1,500
2785		4	4/13/25	B	Colt	Independence Hall	Curly Florist	Exaggerator		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	25,000
2816	Ghost Punch	4	4/15/14	DKB	Mare	Ghostzapper	Sophie's Destiny	Two Punch	Tapit Trice	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	4,500
2996	A Lady With an Ace	4	3/28/11	DKB	Mare	First Samurai	Ace of Kay	Stravinsky	Heartland	Blackstone Farm, et al	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	not sold	6,000
3050		4	4/19/25	B	Colt	Blame	Midnight Bliss	Midnight Lute		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	JMD Investments	15,000
3089	Sun and Gold	4	1/8/18	GRR	Mare	Golden Lad	Rock the Sun	Majestic Warrior	Angel of Empire	Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CIV	Triple Crown	5,000
4124	Pure Lure	HoRA	4/20/21	CH	Filly	Mineshaft	Fix You	Flying Chevron		Matthew T. Groff	Scott Mallory, Agent	Hardesty Stable	30,000
4209	Cultivate	HoRA	2/25/22	GRR	Gelding	Practical Joke	Life's a Gamble	Malibu Moon		Forgotten Land Investment Inc.	ELiTE, Agent	Oracle Bloodstock, agent	350,000



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\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES

3 & up, 6 furlongs
3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs

PENN NATIONAL

Friday, June 27

\$75,000 LYPHARD STAKES
\$75,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP

3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf
3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf

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Monday, July 7

\$75,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES

3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs

presque isle
downs & casino

Monday, July 21

\$75,000 HARD SPUN STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards

presque isle
downs & casino

Monday, July 28

\$75,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES

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

PENN NATIONAL

Friday, August 15

\$75,000 MARSHALL JENNEY STAKES

3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf

Friday, August 29

\$75,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES

3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Friday, Sept. 19

\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES
\$100,000 PRINCE LUCKY STAKES
\$100,000 IMPLY STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
3YO PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs
3YO fillies, PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs

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Wednesday, Oct. 22

\$75,000 JUMP START STAKES
\$75,000 DISCO CHICK STAKES

3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
3 & up, f&m, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs

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Wednesday, Nov. 26

\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES
\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES

2YO, 7 furlongs
2YO fillies, 6 furlongs

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Tuesday, Dec. 30

\$75,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES
\$75,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES *Non-Black-Type

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PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS

PARX RACING
Sunday, June 15

\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP

3 & up, 6 furlongs

1ST - HOUGHTON SHUFFLE
2ND - KOHLER'S
3RD - NINETYPERCENTMADDIE

\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES

3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs

1ST - CARMELINA
2ND - CONFIRMED STAR
3RD - CHAPA

PENN NATIONAL
Friday, June 27

\$75,000 LYPHARD STAKES

3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf

1ST - CORINNA
2ND - JEANNE MARIE
3RD - PRINCESS JAVONCIA

\$75,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES

3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf

1ST - FIERCE AND STRONG
2ND - DYLAN'S RUBY
3RD - TREVESSO

PRESQUE ISLE
Monday, July 7

\$75,000 MALVEN ROSE STAKES

3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs

1ST - OUR LADY
2ND - QUEEN'S WREATH
3RD - ICONA MAMA

PRESQUE ISLE
Monday, July 21

\$75,000 HARD SPUN STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards

1ST - HE'S A MESS
2ND - TWILIGHT DANCER
3RD - JOHN DUTTON

PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS (CONT.)

PRESQUE ISLE

Monday, July 28

\$75,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES

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

1ST - CANDY REWARD

2ND - RUSTY MY BROTHER

3RD - JEANNE MARIE

PENN NATIONAL

Friday, August 15

\$75,000 MARSHALL JENNEY STAKES

3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf

1ST - FORE HARP

2ND - TARSUS WARRIOR

3RD - SMOOTH B

PENN NATIONAL

Friday, August 29

\$75,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES

3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf

1ST - OHIO JOE

2ND - SHADOW FACTOR

3RD - THE BOY'S WARRIOR

\$100,000 PRINCE LUCKY STAKES

3YO PA-Sired, 7 furlongs

1ST - COME PRIMA

2ND - BEYONDEXPECTATIONS

3RD - SILHOUTTE COVE

\$100,000 IMPLY STAKES

3YO fillies,PA-Sired, 7 furlongs

1ST - CAROUSEL QUEEN

2ND - UP N RUNNIN

3RD - ANGEL OF HOPE

\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards

1ST - NINETYPRCENTMADDIE

2ND - WILD VINE

3RD - DROPLINE

PARX RACING

Friday, Sept.19

PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS (CONT.)

PARX RACING

Wed., October 22

\$75,000 DISCO CHICK STAKES

3 & up, f&m, PA-Sired, 7 furlongs

1ST - NATURE'S CANDY

2ND - PACHELBEL

3RD - CAROUSEL QUEEN

\$75,000 JUMP START STAKES

3 & up, PA-Sired, 7 furlongs

1ST - SILHOUTTE COVE

2ND - COME PRIMA

3RD - WILD VINE

\$100,000 NURSERY STAKES

2YO, 7 furlongs

1ST - MAILATA

2ND - MISTER ME

3RD - RED ZONE RUNNER

PARX RACING

Wed., Nov. 26

\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES

2YO fillies, 6 furlongs

1ST - DIVINE INTENTIONS

2ND - C'EST CHOUETTE

3RD - WESAWTAYLORINPARIS



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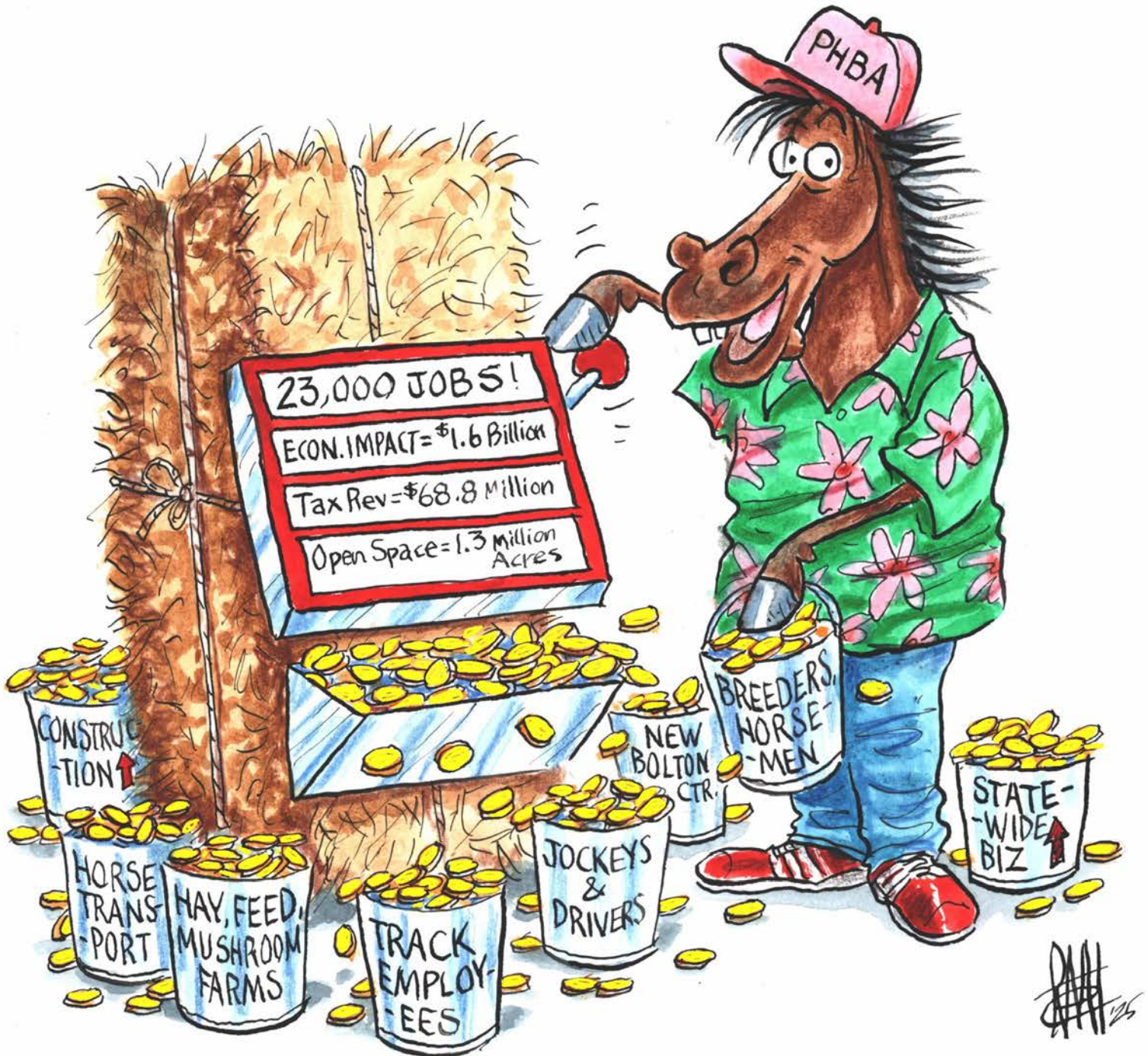
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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

PENNSYLVANIA HUNT CUP S

UNI, \$35,000, 5YO/UP, 4M, TIMBER, 11-2.

WON - MASTER SEVILLE

g, 9, Seville (Ger)—Casablanca Lily (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire).
O-South Branch Equine, B-South Branch Equine (PA),
T-Mark Beecher, J-Graham Watters, \$21,000.

Racing his entire 19-start career over stiff timber fences, Master Seville has been first, second or third in 11 of the 13 races he's completed. But it seems he's only gotten better over the grueling terrain and distances as he's gotten older. At age 9, South Branch Equine's homebred recorded his first stakes win when taking the 4-mile Pennsylvania Hunt Cup over the Unionville course on Nov. 2.

One of eight sent on their way in the final timber stakes of the year, Master Seville bided his time in fourth for four-time champion steeplechase jockey Graham Watters, took the lead two fences from home, and powered clear to win by $4\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

Master Seville gave his trainer Mark Beecher his first victory in the final race he won as a rider (in 2019).

It was the fourth start of the year for Master Seville, and

second win. He won an allowance at Winterthur in May, was elevated to third in the Willowdale Steeplechase six days later, and ran second in allowance company at Genesee Valley in October. He has a total of six wins for his career, the first coming over the Pennsylvania countryside at Cheshire in March 2022. His first allowance win came later that October at Genesee Valley. He then won back-to-back allowance starts at Cheshire and My Lady's Manor in the spring of 2023. He has career earnings of \$71,400.

Master Seville is the first foal out of the Hurricane Run (Ire) winning mare Casablanca Lily (Ire). The mare raced over hurdles in Ireland before coming to the states and joining the barn of owner Bob Kinsley, a longtime horseman and founder of the Pennsylvania-headquartered Kinsley Construction. Casablanca Lily was winless in her eight U.S. starts, but five were against stakes competition. She joined Kinsley's broodmare band in 2015 and was bred to Group 1 winner Seville (Ger), producing Master Seville the next year.

Kinsley passed away in June 2020, and the horse operation continues for his family's South Branch Equine. Casablanca Lily is also the dam of 2025 My Lady's Manor Stakes winner Bogey's Image, an 8-year-old son of Imagining who was stakes-placed over hurdles, and winning hurdler Casamo (by Mosler). Current 4-year-old Mosler filly Sharmin won the Turf Distaff Starter Handicap on this year's Maryland Million day card. ■



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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

LET'S GIVE THANKS S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 6½F, 11-26.

WON - MAXIMUS MERIDIUS

g, 4, Maximus Mischief–Quiet Virtue, by Quiet American. O-LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC and Wellesley Stable, B-Westerly Farm (PA), T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Mychel J. Sanchez, \$43,800.

After racing nearly every month for close to a year and a half, LC Racing, Cash is King and trainer Butch Reid's Wellesley Stable runner Maximus Meridius got a bit of a break after the Grade 2 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct in early April, in which he dueled early and faded late to finish off the board. One of the most consistent stakes performers in the region is back on his game after a tough effort in the Let's Give Thanks Stakes on the Nov. 26 Thanksgiving eve card at Parx Racing.

The 4-year-old son of Maximus Mischief recorded his third career stakes win by taking up his usual position on the front end. Breaking a bit slow over the sloppy track, he rushed up to contest the early leader while well in hand through an opening quarter of :22.56 and the half in :45.19.

Pulling rider Mychel Sanchez to the front as they entered the far turn, Maximus Meridius was giving it his all as he opened a 2-length lead. With Paradise Valley, then late-running Howgreatisnate, barreling down on him, he dug in late to win by a head. After getting three-quarters in 1:09.65, he stopped the clock in 1:16.06 for the 6½ furlongs. Celebrations were held up a bit when he survived a claim of foul by Julio Hernandez on Howgreatisnate after drifting out slightly in deep stretch.

It was Maximus Meridius' second win since returning from his three-month break, and his seventh win overall from 20 lifetime starts, to go with six seconds and a third. Described by Reid as a horse who "would kind of make the lead and hang" early in his career, Maximus Meridius won back-to-back stakes at Aqueduct when taking the Gravesend last Dec. 28, and kicking off this year with a Toboggan Stakes score on

Feb. 1. Five of his placings have come in stakes, the most recent a dead heat for second with graded stakes winner Full Moon Madness in the Parx Sprint Stakes on Sept. 20.

Now with earnings of \$599,430, Maximus Meridius is the richest of three starters, all winners, for the Quiet American mare Quiet Virtue, a winner at 5½ furlongs who later raced for Westerly Farm over hurdles up to 2¼ miles.

Westerly Farm bred Maximus Meridius, as well as current 2-year-old full brother Flyin Hawaiian. A maiden special winner in late July for LC Racing LLC, James Bonner and Reid, Flyin Hawaiian ran fifth in the Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes earlier on the Thanksgiving eve card.

Quiet Virtue didn't produce foal in 2024 and delivered a colt by Maximus Mischief this past March before being bred back the same stallion. Maximus Mischief was a graded stakes winner trained by Reid for Cash is King and LC Racing who won his first two career starts at Parx at 2 in 2018. He currently ranks as the third-leading third-crop sire in the nation. ■



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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY S

PRX, \$100,000, 2YOF, 7F, 11-26.

WON - MAILATA

c, 2, Maximus Mischief–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, \$58,800.

2ND - MISTER ME

g, 2, Uncle Lino–Queen of Winter, by Despite the Odds. O-Sylmar Farm, B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA), \$19,600.

3RD - RED ZONE RUNNER

c, 2, Practical Joke–Look Deep, by Petionville. O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm Inc. (PA), \$9,800.

Thanksgiving eve at Parx Racing turned out a perfect day to kick off the holiday for Chuck Zacney, Glenn Bennett and trainer Butch Reid. The trio won two stakes on the Nov. 26 card, both with sons of their Cash Is King and LC Racing campaigned and Reid-trained Maximus Mischief.

In the finale on the 10-race card, Maximus Meridius took the \$75,000 Let’s Give Thanks Stakes.

Kicking off the stakes action was 2-year-old Mailata in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes. The bay homebred stepped up from a dominating, front-running maiden special weight win on Oct. 29 to stakes company, cut back in distance, and came in off a solid work. The second choice in the field of seven, Mailata excelled over the sloppy track. Guided by Mychel Sanchez, he went straight to the lead, cruised through fractions of :22.58, :45.32 and 1:10.26, and poured it on. At the finish of the 7 furlong stakes, he was 3½ lengths in front and completed the distance in 1:23.29. Favorite Mister Me chased him the entire way in the strung out field.

It took three starts for Mailata to break his maiden. In his debut in August at Parx he finished third behind stablemate

Tough Guy Tony after an adventurous trip to the post when he got loose in the paddock and again in the warm up on the backside. He still showed enough spunk to rally three-wide on the turn and make a run down the stretch. Tough Guy Tony (a Kentucky-bred also by Maximus Mischief purchased by LC Racing for \$27,000) is undefeated in three starts after scoring in the South Mountain Stakes at Penn National about five hours following the running of the Pennsylvania Nursery.

Mailata is the second foal bred by Zacney and Bennett out of the Medaglia d’Oro mare Bouquet of Gold. She was purchased privately from Dan Ryan’s Smart Angle LLP after the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale where she exited the ring unsold at \$45,000. At the time, Bouquet of Gold was carrying future stakes winner Jeanne Marie.

Campaigned by her breeders, Jeanne Marie (by Speightster) won Parx’s Main Line Stakes for 3-year-old fillies in March 2024 in her third start and stakes debut. In four more stakes attempts, she finished second in last year’s Weber City Miss Stakes at Laurel, the Lyphard at Penn National this past June, and was third in the Princess of Sylmar Stakes in July. From 16 starts, she has a record of five wins, four seconds and a third while earning \$249,555.

Mailata has earnings of \$114,500 in his four starts. Bouquet of Gold is the dam of two additional Maximus Mischief offspring - a colt born exactly one year to the day after Mailata’s delivery (Feb. 20) and a filly born this past April. ■



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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

SHAMROCK ROSE S

PRX, \$100,000, 2YOF, 6F, 11-26.

WON - DIVINE INTENTIONS

f, 2, Divining Rod–Shyza, by Cairo Prince.

O-Carguys Racing LLC, B-Ed Bussinger (PA),

T-J. Tyler Servis, J-Frankie Pennington, \$58,800.

2ND - C'EST CHOUETTE

f, 2, Gun Runner–Chic Thrill, by Smart Strike.

O-Runnymore Racing LLC, B-Caroline and

Gregory Bentley Breeders (PA), \$19,600.

3RD - WESAWTAYLORINPARIS

f, 2, Nyquist–Convinced, by Tiznow. (\$65,000 2024 KEESEP;

\$70,000 2025 OBSMAR) O-Bran Jam Stable and

David W. Clark, B-Jon A. Marshall (PA), \$9,800.

After more than a decade of campaigning under the Carguys Racing banner, owner Ed Bussinger has his first homebred stakes winner.

Divine Intentions, a 2-year-old Divining Rod filly, led the \$100,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes from start to finish on the Nov. 26 Thanksgiving eve card at Parx Racing. She was 3 lengths clear of favorite C'est Chouette at the end while completing the 6 furlongs over the sloppy track in 1:11.60 off dazzling fractions of :21.91, :45.55 and :58.31. The fourth choice in the field of seven, Divine Intentions recorded her second win in three starts and boosted her career earnings to \$86,820.

Trained by Tyler Servis, she won her debut in August by nearly 4 lengths as the 4-5 favorite, leading all the way while racing 5 furlongs. Working steadily for her next start, she reappeared in the Parx entries on Oct. 22 against buzzsaw Project Maximus, a 7-length winner first time out. Project Maximus cruised as Divine Intentions didn't have the best of trips and finished a well-beaten fourth.

She is one of 10 runners to start this year for Bussinger, seven of whom have won. The Carguys Racing colors were first seen on the track in late October 2015 at Parx, with Tyler's father John Servis as trainer. From six starts that year his runners hit the board four times.

Four years later Shyza, a daughter of Cairo Prince, was making her first start for the owner. In three seasons, the John Servis-trainee won four races – her wins coming at Gulfstream Park West, Delaware Park and twice at Parx. Also second or third three times, she earned \$115,295 and became a broodmare. Divine Intentions is her first foal.

Shyza has a yearling colt by Cupid and a weanling filly by Greatest Honour, both foaled in Pennsylvania. She was bred back to Honest Mischief.

Bussinger had two other stakes runners on Thanksgiving eve, both trained by John Servis. Pennsylvania-bred Coppedge, purchased at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-old sale and a maiden special weight winner in October, finished sixth in the Shamrock Rose; Kentucky-bred Adero, a stakes winner for the team in 2024, was third in the Turkey Trot Stakes one race before Divine Intentions' win. ■



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BAYAKOA S-G3

DMR, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 11-30.

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f, 3, Practical Joke—ImPLY, by E Dubai. (\$65,000 2023 KEESEP)

O-Berkels0813 LLC, CMNWLT LLC,

Grantley Acres Ryan Conner, B-Barlar LLC (PA), \$20,000.

AQUEDUCT TURF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP S

BAQ, \$150,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 11-1.

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g, 5, Hoppertunity—Doubleclickdamouse, by Point of Entry.

O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC,

B-Ultra Championship Racing LLC (PA), \$30,000.

THIRTY EIGHT GO GO S

LRL, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 11¹/₁₆M, 11-9.

2ND - DOCTOR ABBIE

m, 5, Sky Kingdom—La Estrellita, by Crypto Star.

O-Bush Racing Stable, B-Brian C. Schartz (PA), \$20,000.

TURKEY TROT S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 1M 70Y, 11-26.

2ND - NINETYPRCENTMADDIE

g, 5, Weigelia—Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.

O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), \$14,400.

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AQU, \$150,000, 2YOF, 1M, 11-6.

3RD - SECANE

f, 2, Audible—Lustica, by Street Sense. (\$67,000 2024 KEESEP)

O-Final Furlong Farm and Madaket Stables LLC,

B-Jon A. Marshall (PA), \$18,000.

BLUE MOUNTAIN S

PEN, \$50,000, 2YOF, 6F, 11-26.

3RD - SMART PHILLY

f, 2, Smarty Jones—Cherokee Sky, by Sky Mesa.

O-Alexander R. Levengood,

B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC (PA), \$5,500.



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