

# PA THOROUGHBRED REPORT

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# THIRTY-FIVE

*Stallions to choose from*

# NINE

*New to Pennsylvania*

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- PA-BREDS SHINE IN 2024 CLAIMING CROWN



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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congrats to the Gregory and Caroline Bentley-bred 2yo filly Caprice, who won the \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes on Dec. 28. That makes her 6-for-7 lifetime, five of which were stakes! Wow!

The second leg of the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series was run on December 30 at PARX. Congratulations to the Desmond C. Winter-bred Fenton Forever who went gate-to-wire to win the \$100,000 Wait for It Stakes. A shoutout to Pa stallion Pat On the Back, whose first-crop runners finished 1st and 2nd! In our second series race, the Pewter Stable-bred Honorable Win won the \$100,000 Miss Behaviour Stakes. She also won the Miss Blue Tye Dye, the first race in the Stallion Series. The third and final leg of the 2024 series will be run in 2025 at \$100,000 for 3yos and 3yo fillies. A \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series will be paid at that time – \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.



Please take a look at the 2025 Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory. We have nine new stallions along with our recurrent PA-Sires. You can view the directory online at [pabred.com](http://pabred.com). You should have received a hard copy of the directory. Pick out your next Derby winner!

Domicile forms are mandatory and should have already been completed by Dec. 1 or when you mare comes into the state if breeding back to a PA stallion or within 14 days of a public sale. 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 in 2025. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have.

Wishing you a fantastic start to 2025, and remember, PA is the only place to Breed and Race! Approximately \$26 million will be paid out in 2024 to PA-Bred owners and breeders in Breeder Awards, Owner Bonuses and Restricted Races. Go PA!!

*Brian Sanfratello*  
Executive Secretary

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# 2025

*Pennsylvania stallion roster gets stronger*

**A Kentucky Derby winner...  
a Canadian champion...  
Hall of Fame pedigrees...  
dazzling racing careers –**

the Pennsylvania stallion roster has been enriched with the addition of nine new stallions for the upcoming breeding season. Pennsylvania stallions offer breeders added punch – in addition to their runners earning more through the state's lucrative breeders program, their offspring are eligible for the PA-Sired, PA-Bred Stallion Series stakes.

## ALEJANDRO



LYNN CASH PHOTO

Lola Cash and Built Wright Stables' Alejandro brings a Hall of Fame pedigree to the breeding shed as a son of Preakness-winning two-time Horse of the Year and leading sire Curlin out of the only daughter of Preakness-winning Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra, Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Rachel's Valentina, a daughter of Preakness-winning champion and top sire Bernardini.

Rachel's Valentina's first foal, Alejandro earned \$453,836 in a 35-start career as he competed at 11 different tracks, winning four times and placing in 16 others over five seasons. The allowance winner scored at Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds, Oaklawn Park and Remington Park, at distances up to 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles.

In her first four career starts, Rachel's Valentina won her debut at Saratoga, followed by the Grade 1 Spinaway and seconds in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 and Ashland Stakes-G1. She retired after six starts with earnings of \$738,800.

Rachel Alexandra was the 2009 Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly after wins in the Preakness, Haskell and Woodward, each over males, the Kentucky Oaks-G1 by more than 20 lengths and Mother Goose-G1 by 19½ lengths. She retired with 13 wins and five seconds in 19 starts and earnings of \$3.5 million. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in her first year of eligibility in 2016.

Curlin, who has become a noted sire of sires, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 2014.

Bay, 2018, Curlin – Rachel's Valentina, by Langfuhr  
Standing his first season at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra, PA  
Stud fee: \$1,500 LFSN; a free lifetime breeding award is included if paying \$3,000 to send two mares

# BEREN



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Bay, 2018, Weigelia – Silmaril, by Diamond  
 Standing his first season at WynOaks Farm, Delta, PA  
 Stud fee: Private

The Pennsylvania-bred champion 3-year-old and sprinter of 2021, Susan Quick and Christopher Feifarek's seven-time stakes-winning homebred Beren has been retired to stand alongside his sire, Weigelia, at WynOaks Farm.

The bay speedster made a name for himself in 2021, racing at least once a month from January through November, winning seven times, five in stakes – the Gold Fever and Paradise Creek (by 10¾ lengths) at Belmont Park, the Crowd Pleaser (by 9½ lengths going 1 1/16 miles) and Parx Summer Sprint (by 6½ lengths) at Parx, and the Danzig at Penn National – and was caught late when second in the Steel Valley Sprint at Mahoning Valley Race Course. He amassed just shy of \$470,000 that year from 12 starts and also earned the title of PA-Preferred Male and Leading Breeding Fund Recipient.

Racing through age 6, Beren's richest victory in 35 career starts came in the 2022 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash. Eleven of his 12 victories were at distances from 6 to 7 furlongs. He also ran in 17 consecutive stakes and finished fourth or better in 14 times. His nine stakes-placings included a third in the 2023 Grade 3 General George at Laurel. Beren retires with earnings just shy of \$1 million (\$944,890).

His dam, millionaire Silmaril (by Diamond), is a Quick and Feifarek homebred with 12 stakes wins, twice in graded company. His third dam is graded stakes-winning Kattegat's Pride. The family includes graded stakes winner Chip and millionaire Smooth B.

# CURLIN'S WISDOM



AVERIE LEVANTI PHOTO

Dark bay or Brown, 2019, Curlin – Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor  
 Standing his first season at Cabin Creek, Gettysburg, PA.  
 Stud fee: Private

Bred on the same cross as Grade 1-winning millionaire Connect, one of the nation's leading young sires, Curlin's Wisdom enters stud after a career in which he was a stakes-placed runner of \$455,853 from 29 starts.

The dark bay son of Curlin was a model of consistency at 2 and 3. In 15 straight starts, from October 2021 through December 2022 while racing at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga, he finished in the top three 13 times and was fourth in the other two. He finished second in the \$250,000 Empire Classic Stakes at 3 in his stakes debut after three straight wins, from 1 mile on the turf to 1 1/8 miles on the main track. He won going 1 3/16 miles early in his 4-year-old season.

His dam, the winning Rockport Harbor mare Whisper Wisdom, is a half-sister to two stakes winners including Curlin's son Connect, winner of the Grade 1 Cigar Mile and the Grade 2 Pennsylvania Derby, the latter over Gun Runner. Connect has sired the likes of Grade 1 winner and \$2-million earner Rattle N Roll. Whisper Wisdom is the dam of five foals of racing age — the four to sell as yearlings all brought six-figures.

Second dam, stakes winner Barkerville Belle, produced graded stakes-winning track record setter and sire Native Regent and addition stakes winners Royal Fair, Morriston Belle and Mr. Villemore. The family includes Grade 1 winner Backseat Rhythm.

# ENTICED



DARLEY PHOTO

Dark bay or Brown, 2015, Medaglia d'Oro – It's Tricky, by Mineshaft  
 Standing at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra, PA  
 Stud fee: \$5,000 LFSN

A top-10 nationally-ranked sire with two crops of racing age, Medaglia d'Oro's graded stakes-winning son Enticed moves to Pennsylvania and immediately jumps into second on the state's 2024 stallion earnings list. Bred and raced by Godolphin, he previously stood at Darley's Jonabell Farm in Kentucky.

Now owned by a syndicate, Enticed is the sire of four stakes winners in his first crop, including graded winner Visually, winner of Santa Anita's Seniorita Stakes-G3. His runners in 2024 earned more than \$3.2 million, for an average of \$31,879.

Enticed's first crop of 2-year-olds put him solidly in the top-10 on the freshman sires list in 2023, with 23 winners and earnings of more than \$1.2 million. His daughter Shimmering Allure earned \$239,095 while winning Aqueduct's Tempted Stakes and finishing second in the Demoiselle Stakes-G2. She made her stakes debut in Grade 1 company.

Enticed was a graded winner at 2 and 3 who earned \$595,680 in seven starts. His juvenile season saw him take the 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-mile Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes-G2 over Tiz Mischief and Promises Fulfilled, and finish third in the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes in his second start after winning his debut at 6 furlongs at Saratoga. Sent on the Triple Crown trail, he won the 1-mile Gotham Stakes-G3 by daylight and finished second in the Grade 2 Wood Memorial.

His dam, \$1,666,500-earner and six-time stakes winner It's Tricky, won eight of 14 starts including three Grade 1s – the Coaching Club American Oaks, Acorn and Ogden Phipps. Four times the daughter of Mineshaft was Grade 1-placed, including a second behind Royal Delta in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic. She is also the dam of graded stakes-placed 2-year-old filly Enliven. His second dam is graded winner Catboat.

# IMPOSING



AVERIE LEVANTI PHOTO

Bay, 2021, Gun Runner – Untapable, by Tapit  
 Standing his first season at Cabin Creek, Gettysburg, PA  
 Stud fee: Private

Royally-bred Imposing, out of Tapit's champion daughter Untapable, is the first son of Hall of Famer Gun Runner to stand in the region. Gun Runner, the 2017 Horse of the Year and champion older dirt male, ranks as one of the top stallions in the world today, with more than \$22 million in progeny earnings in 2024 alone. Counted among his four Grade 1 winners last year are Breeders' Cup Classic winner Sierra Leone.

Gun Runner won six Grade 1s including the Breeders' Cup Classic, and amassed \$15,988,500. Imposing's dam Untapable earned the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old filly in 2014 when she won six of seven starts, all graded stakes, including the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1 against older mares as the favorite. Other Grade 1 wins came in the Kentucky Oaks, Cotillion and Mother Goose at 3 and the Apple Blossom Handicap at 4. She retired with earnings of \$3,926,625 from 20 starts.

Second dam Fun House, a daughter of Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner Prized, was a graded winner of \$432,922. She was named Broodmare of the Year after also producing Grade 1 winner and sire Paddy O'Prado. The family includes multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire Red Route One, a son of Gun Runner out of a full sister to Untapable. Imposing was unraced due to injury.

# MAGIC SPOON



HECTOR PALMA PHOTO

Chestnut, 2021, Good Magic – Canadian Mistress, by Canadian Frontier  
 Standing his first season at Cabin Creek, Gettysburg, PA  
 Stud fee: Private

Undefeated juvenile Magic Spoon is the first son of champion 2-year-old Good Magic to stand at stud in the region. The chestnut 4-year-old is one of 20 stakes winners by one of the hottest young sires in the world today. With just three crops to race, Good Magic is already the sire of Kentucky Derby winner Mage and Preakness winner Dornoch, plus 10 other graded winners. The son of Curlin ranked in the top 20 nationally by progeny earnings in 2024.

A member of Good Magic's second crop, Magic Spoon captured Santa Anita's Golden State Juvenile Stakes over 11 rivals at 7 furlongs as the favorite in only his second start. In his debut he produced a great closing kick - flying at the end to get up after a troubled trip to break his maiden over the Santa Anita main track going 6 furlongs. He was sidelined by injury after his stakes victory and retires with earnings of \$136,350.

Magic Spoon is out of stakes-placed Canadian Mistress, a full sister to \$389,420-earning stakes winner Frontier Warrior (by the Gone West stallion Canadian Frontier) and half-sister to \$237,213 stakes winner Midnight Ruler. The family traces back to the influential Two Rings, dam of champion Bayford and sires Northern Baby and Northern Ringer.

# RICH STRIKE



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Chestnut, 2019, Keen Ice—Gold Strike, by Smart Strike  
 Standing his first season at Mountain Springs Farm, Palmyra, PA  
 Stud fee: TBA

Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike becomes the latest classic winner to stand in the state. The son of Travers Stakes-G1 winner Keen Ice and grandson of leading sire Curlin enters stud with career earnings of \$2,526,809 in 14 starts.

The chestnut burst onto the racing scene in spectacular fashion in the 2022 Kentucky Derby. The longest shot in the field of 20 – getting in last minute after a late scratch – he rallied from more than 17 lengths back, weaved his way through the field, caught favorite Epicenter in deep stretch and edged away. He had earned enough points to get into the field when he rallied to finish third in his previous start, the Grade 3 Jeff Ruby Steaks on Turfway Park's all-weather track.

Rich Strike won or placed in four stakes, three graded, in his career. He demolished his rivals when winning a maiden claimer at Churchill Downs by more than 17 lengths going 1 mile on the main track at 2. From the end of his juvenile campaign until his final start in May 2023, he raced exclusively in stakes. He missed by a head to the year-older Hot Rod Charlie in the 2022 Grade 2 Lukas Classic Stakes at Churchill and finished fourth behind Epicenter (in a three-horse photo with Cyberknife and Zandon for second) in the Travers Stakes-G1 as well as was fourth behind Flightline in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1.

Out of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Gold Strike (by Smart Strike), Rich Strike is a half-brother to graded winner Llanarmon and to the dam of graded-winning Pennsylvania-bred millionaire Neece Marie.

# TYSON



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Gray/Roan, 2019, Tapit—Honouring, by Smart Strike  
 Standing his first season at Stone Jug Ranch, Dillsburg, PA.  
 Stud fee: \$3,500, or \$2,500 for multiple bookings, with special consideration for Pennsylvania foaling and stakes-producing mares

Canadian champion older horse of 2023, Tyson stands his first season as the property of Darryl and Jill Myers' new Thoroughbred operation, Stone Jug Ranch, in Dillsburg.

Tyson was on the board five times in seven starts his championship season, four in consecutive graded stakes. The son of leading sire Tapit counted wins in the 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-mile Seagram Cup-G2 and 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-mile Dominion Day-G3 and was third in the Eclipse-G2, all over Woodbine's synthetic track. He traveled to Saratoga for his main track debut in the Jockey Club Gold Cup-G1 and ran third, less than 3 lengths behind Bright Future. In his first start in 2024 he was second in the Eclipse-G2. He retires with a record of 10-4-1-2 and earnings of \$378,548.

Tyson is from the dynamic family that descends directly from Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour, his third dam. He is out of the winning Smart Strike mare Honouring, a full sister to Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Streaming and stakes winner Treasuring and a half-sister to three other stakes performers. Her half-sisters include the dams of Belmont Stakes-G1 and Travers Stakes-G1 winner and champion 3-year-old Arcangelo, and multiple graded stakes-winning sprinter Cezanne.

The rich family history boasts Belmont Stakes winners Rags to Riches, the champion 3-year-old filly of 2007, and Jazil, as well as Irish champion Man of Iron and multiple graded winners Casino Drive and Greatest Honour, all appearing under Better Than Honour, the most expensive broodmare ever sold (at \$14 million). Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Blush With Pride is his fourth dam.

# ZOZOS



KIM PRATT PHOTO

Dark bay or brown, 2019, Munnings—Papa's Forest, by Forestry  
 Standing his first season at Equistar Training & Breeding, Annville, PA.  
 Stud fee: \$2,500 LFSN

A millionaire who won seven of his 15 starts, from 6 furlongs to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, Zozos excelled as a miler. His victories at the distance came in the Ack Ack Stakes-G3 and Knicks Go Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs and Ellis Park's Hanshin Stakes. When racing beyond a mile, he captured a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-mile Oaklawn Park allowance by more than 10 lengths and two Fair Grounds allowances by daylight margins.

Zozos made his stakes debut at Fair Grounds in his third start, the 2022 Louisiana Derby-G2 at 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, and finished second to Epicenter, who would later win the Travers Stakes-G1. That effort earned him a berth in the Kentucky Derby-G1 (he finished midpack). Last year he ran third to Gun Pilot, missing second by a neck, in the Grade 1 Churchill Downs Stakes at 7 furlongs. He retires with earnings of \$1,011,463.

His dam Papa's Forest, a winning daughter of Forestry who earned \$233,593 while racing from 2 to 6, has one other foal of racing age, \$334,948-earner Emerald Forest, the current 7-furlong track record holder at Louisiana Downs after zipping 1:21.07 in 2021.

Zozos' third dam Barbara Sue, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and sire Super May and four-time graded winner and sire Ide, raced through age 8, won five stakes, and produced graded winner Diamond On the Run and additional stakes winners Tropical Blossom and Barbetta. The family includes champion Consultora, Grade 1-winning millionaire Celestine and Japanese multimillionaire Piilani Highway.

Graded stakes-winning miler Zozos, the first son of major sire Munnings to stand in the region, has been acquired by Rodney Eckenrode to join the Equistar Training and Breeding roster.





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# PENNSYLVANIA STALLION SERIES POINT TOTALS

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## HORSES WITH THE HIGHEST POINTS

1st	Pewter Stable	Honorable Win (Winchill)	10 points
2nd	Barbara Rickline & Gabe Rispo	Reelin N Dealin (Pat On the Back)	6 points
3rd	Warrior's Reward LLC	The Boy's Warrior (Warrior's Reward)	5 points
3rd	Desmond C. Wynter	Fenton Forever (Pat On the Back)	5 points
4th	Roberta L. Schneider MD	Tudox Dahlia (Weigelia)	4 points
5th	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Joyful Joyce (Uptowncharlybrown)	3 points
6th	Barbara Reid	Beyondexpectations (Peace and Justice)	2 points
6th	Warrior's Reward LLC	Ballad of Warrior (Warrior's Reward)	2 points
6th	PA Stallions LLC	Double Airo (Airoforce)	2 points
6th	Barbara A. Rickline	Vivi Rose (Xixixi)	2 points
6th	Richard Simoff	Dr. Lou (Wicked Strong)	2 points
6th	Y. Kolybabiuk	Angel of Hope (Warrior's Reward)	2 points
6th	Dennis Johnson	Carousel Queen (Uptowncharlybrown)	2 points
7th	Warrior's Reward LLC	Au Some Warrior (Warrior's Reward)	1 point
7th	Equivine Farm LLC	Roxton (Rowayton)	1 point
7th	Equivine Farm LLC	Miss Raucus (Boisterous)	1 point
7th	Scott Bunker & Cynthia Bartkowski	Hopeforgreatness (Weigelia)	1 point
7th	Towering Cumulus LLC	Loveumom (Rowayton)	1 point
7th	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Up N Runnin (Uptowncharlybrown)	1 point
7th	Joseph Viviani	Little Cocoa Bean (Poseidon's Warrior)	1 point
7th	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Cool Million (Uptowncharlybrown)	1 point
7th	Hector Padilla	L Golden Boy (Weigelia)	1 point
7th	E. Marie Morrison	Good Friday Man (Pat On the Back)	1 point
7th	WynOaks Farm LLC	Sams After Party (Weigelia)	1 point

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CLAIMING  
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BY NIKKI SHERMAN

Claiming horses fill the majority of races in the United States. Recognizing the importance of these “regular” horses, over a quarter of a century ago the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association partnered to create the Claiming Crown. They envisioned it to be “the claiming horse owner’s Breeders’ Cup; a special racing event, created for the sometimes forgotten ‘average owner’. Every horse owner has an equal chance to participate, as the Claiming Crown is open to all claiming horses irrespective of where they were foaled or raced.”

Canterbury Park held the first three editions of the Claiming Crown and it was quickly obvious that it was a resounding success. Philadelphia Park, now Parx Racing, recognized this early and proudly held the fourth edition in the Keystone State.

While the event has not returned since then, Pennsylvania horsemen actively seek eligible horses for the Claiming Crown. Local trainer Scott Lake was hard-pressed to lose a race he entered, capturing five races over the first three years. One of those was B Flat Major, the first Pennsylvania-Bred to win a Claiming Crown race, the \$125,000 Claiming Crown Jewel in 2000.

**CONCRETE GLORY**

SHOWN WINNING AN  
ALLOWANCE RACE AT  
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## CLAIMING CROWN cont.

In 2024, the Claiming Crown was held on Nov. 16 at Churchill Downs, giving horsemen the opportunity to compete at one of the most famous racetracks in the world. Pennsylvania was strongly represented and did not disappoint, with two PA-Breds crossing under the famous Twin Spires in front. Like a Saltshaker took the \$125,000 Claiming Crown Rapid Transit, while Concrete Glory scored in the \$100,000 Claiming Crown Ready's Rocket Express.

Afterwards, Like a Saltshaker's part-owner Michael Marsico ecstatically proclaimed, "The Claiming Crown is awesome. For owners like us, honestly, it's the premier event that we get to compete in. We absolutely love it."

Like a Saltshaker has been in the news often as a representative of his home state. He was not only the first winner for his sire Peace and Justice in late September 2020, he also became the

son of War Front's first stakes winner when two weeks later he captured the \$75,000 Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Stakes at Presque Isle Downs.

Glenn Brok bred Like a Saltshaker at his Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, which stood Peace and Justice at the time. Brok was trying to produce a racehorse that could win a stakes race, and not just for the Pennsylvania breeders' bonus. Steve Young, who owns Peace and Justice, had put out a unique reward for breeders. The breeder of the stallion's first stakes winner would receive \$250,000.

Every summer, Brok would hold a yearling sale at his farm. Nearly all of his homebreds would go on to new racing homes in Pennsylvania, as Brok chose horsemen based in the Keystone State. He focused on earning breeders awards and that led to multiple awards at the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's



**LIKE A SALTSHAKER**  
SHOWN WINNING THE  
CLAIMING CROWN  
RAPID TRANSIT



**CONCRETE GLORY**  
CLAIMING CROWN  
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annual Iroquois Awards. Like a Saltshaker was just one of those yearlings he sold. The gelding is out of With Sprinkles, a seven-time-winning warhorse mare by Harlan's Holiday.

Young also strongly supported his stallion with his excellent broodmares and was rewarded with winners on three different surfaces. The most notable thus far is Dontlookbackatall, a 2024 graded stakes winner of nearly \$700,000. Peace and Justice moved to New York for 2025 but has left a brilliant mark on the Pennsylvania racing industry.

Like a Saltshaker began his career at Presque Isle Downs for owner Robert Bone and trainer Tim Girtin. The gelding has bounced around the country, racing at 14 different racetracks, having no trouble on any surface. Going into the Claiming Crown, he boasted 16 wins and nine seconds from 38 career starts. He was claimed by Marsico Brothers Racing for

\$10,000 in May 2023 while winning at Churchill Downs.

Brittany Vanden Berg took over training duties and the group went on to win eight more times before the Claiming Crown. She had the heartwarming opportunity to leg up her husband, Chris Emigh, in the race. She acknowledged that it would be a tough assignment but she also knew her horse.

"If they're in a stretch duel, Saltshaker will try to get his nose in front," she told Emigh.

And it turned out to be just that. Like a Saltshaker ran his heart out, rallying five-wide around the turn and survived a duel to the wire, winning the 7-furlong Claiming Crown Rapid Transit by a head.

"This horse always tries so hard," Emigh said. "It turned into

quite the horse race down the lane, and I thought I was able to get in front of the wire but didn't know right away. He's always been so tough in these starter races and was able to show it against the best today."

Vanden Berg was all smiles afterwards. "This is the biggest race we've won to date so far. The Claiming Crown is huge because we're claiming trainers and owners. I couldn't be happier for all my owners... (and) everyone that made it here today. This is such a great stage for everybody."

When fellow PA-Bred Concrete Glory entered the starting gate for the Claiming Crown Ready's Rocket Express, he was looking for redemption. This was the gelding's second attempt at the Express: he had been the favorite in 2023 but faltered in the stretch, finishing fifth behind a longtime rival named Caramel Chip. Concrete Glory was yet again the favorite in 2024. This time he was ready to rock, demolishing his competitors to win by an emphatic 7½ lengths, with Caramel Chip third. He was ridden by Luis Saez, who took over the mount after named rider Tyler Gaffalione was injured earlier in the day.

Concrete Glory was bred in Pennsylvania by Kyle Horlacher. The Bodemeister gelding is out of the Disco Rico mare Take It Inside, who earned over \$300,000 while capturing 10 of 71 career races.

Horlacher followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Nate Heyman, who became a Thoroughbred racehorse trainer after returning from service in World War II. It was with the same powerful fuel that Horlacher joined the military nearly 25 years ago, before also retiring to become a trainer himself. Horlacher was a decorated Navy fighter pilot with many commendations, medals and awards to his name. Many military pilots retire to the commercial flying industry, but when it was time to return home, there was no doubt in his mind that he would emulate his grandfather as a horseman.

Horlacher is a hands-on trainer who keeps a very small stable and enjoys giving himself and his horses the winter off. He does breed a few more than he keeps for himself and he even stayed involved in breeding while in the Navy. His homebred Shoshanah, a 6-year-old PA-Bred daughter of Weigelia out of the Mizzen Mast mare Dancingwithdebbie, is his most successful runner. She finished a game second behind graded winner Future Is Now in last year's \$100,000 The Very One Stakes at Pimlico on Preakness weekend.

Ironically, Horlacher recently thinned out his herd and had given away Dancingwithdebbie to a friend. The mare went on to produce a 2021 full brother to Shoshanah, PA-Bred stakes winner Gamboling Ghost. He also gave away Maryland-bred Crabs N Beer, who has since earned nearly \$400,000. He says that while it's bittersweet, he is happy to collect the rich breeder's awards from each state.

Concrete Glory is no different. Horlacher sold him as a weanling at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale for \$14,000 to Carl Hess Jr. Concrete Glory initially stayed in Pennsylvania at Presque Isle Downs and even competed in his second race against eventual 2023 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1 winner Nobals. Hess owned Concrete Glory for five victories before the gelding was claimed for \$6,250 at Gulfstream Park on Dec. 9, 2022, by Big Frank Stable and trainer Saffie Joseph Jr.

Concrete Glory has rewarded the new connections handsomely, capturing eight races from his next 12 starts, topped by the Ready's Rocket Express. Big Frank Stable's Frank Rupolo recently gifted his stable to his daughter Nikki for her 18th birthday but still proudly enjoys being a part of the magic.

"I'm the claiming king of Gulfstream," he declared. "I buy cheap, run them, get them claimed, keep going. (Concrete Glory) ended up being better than most, so we never ended up putting him in for a tag after that. He ran 1:09, not bad for a \$6,250 claim, right?"

Rupolo gives all of the credit to his trainer. "Saffie, Saffie, it's all Saffie. He told me, 'I don't think we can go wrong with this horse.' "

Prior to the 2023 edition of the Claiming Crown, Joseph remarked, "(Concrete Glory) is just a cool horse to be around. He shows up every time he runs."

Both Like a Saltshaker and Concrete Glory remain eligible for this year's Claiming Crown. Rupolo proclaimed in the winner's circle that he already hopes to be there with Concrete Glory. Hopefully Like a Saltshaker will join them. It's a long year, but with any luck that dream, along with those of many other Pennsylvania-Breds, will come true. ■





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3	2024	GRR	F		Violence	Tap Diva	Tapit		Joe Klaus	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
11	2024	B	C		Charlatan	Thorny Rose	Ghostzapper		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
13	2024	B	F		Jackie's Warrior	Tiz News	Tiznow		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
120	2024	CH	F		Charlatan	Cathy's Cornbread	Indian Charlie		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
130	2024	DKB	F		Practical Joke	Chicalee	Cherokee Run		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
133	2024	DKB	F		Yaupon	Christina's Comet	Successful Appeal		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
134	2024	DKB	F		Nashville	Christmas Cove	More Than Ready		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
151	2018	B	M	Crystalology	Gemologist	Essential Rose	Bernardini	Life Is Good	Blackstone Farm LLC	Hidden Brook, Agent VIII
158	2024	B	C		Charlatan	Dawn Raid	Vindication		Winning Direction Inc & Four Pillars Enterprises	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
257	2024	DKB	C		Speaker's Corner	Keepsheercool	Smart Strike		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
279	2020	DKB	M	Lindalovesgold	Bolt d'Oro	J K L's Legacy	Pulpit	Arabian Lion	Marchfore Thoroughbreds	Groendale Sales, Agent XI
394	2024	B	F		Sharp Azteca	Slot Queen	Speightstown		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
404	2024	B	C		Essential Quality	Sparkling Rose	Violence		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
407	2024	DKB	F		Olympiad	Squan's Kingdom	Trappe Shot		Winning Direction Inc	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent
409	2010	B	M	Star Pearl	Tapit	Lexi Star	Crypto Star	Mandaloun	Stephen E. Quick	Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), Agent IX
489	2013	B	M	War Baby	Lemon Drop Kid	Somme	Theatrical (IRE)	Hard Spun	Mr. & Mrs. William L. Pape	Royal Oak Farm (Damian & Braxton Lynch), Agent
496	2024	CH	C		Charlatan	Whispered Kiss	Ghostzapper		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
549	2024	DKB	F		Nashville	Bioterp	Lion Hearted		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
577	2024	B	F		Corniche	Chardonnay	Candy Ride (ARG)		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
647	2011	B	M	Fat Kat	Weigelia	Katarica Disco	Disco Rico	Loggins	WynOaks Farm LLC & St. Omer's Farm	Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services Inc., Agent III
668	2010	CH	M	Glenmary Lane	Fairbanks	Bennington	Ide	The Factor	Russell B., Craig R., and Jeffrey A. Harris	Brookdale, Agent
765	2024	B	F		Practical Joke	One for Jim	Distorted Humor		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
786	2024	B	C		Army Mule	Pretty Owl	Into Mischief		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
849	2011	B	M	Spelling Again	Awesome Again	Spelling	Alphabet Soup	City of Light	George Strawbridge	Lisa and Tim Turney, Agent III
1012	2024	B	F		Independence Hall	Datts Our Kitten	Kitten's Joy		Forgotten Land Investment Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent VI
1104	2024	B	F		Midnight Lute	Jades Gelly	Lea		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
1105	2024	B	F		Army Mule	Janet's Mae	Midnight Lute		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
1111	2024	B	F		Volatile	Keep It a Secret	Thunder Gulch		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
1189	2024	CH	C		Game Winner	Party Goer	Giant's Causeway		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
1205	2024	B	C		Mitole	Proton Pack	Ghostzapper		Winning Direction Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LII
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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## LETELLIER MEMORIAL S

FG, \$100,000, 2YOF, 6F, 12-21.

### WON - SIMPLY JOKING

f, 2, Practical Joke, - ImPLY, by E Dubai. (\$65,000 2023 KEESEP) O-Grantley Acres, Ryan Conner and Berkels0813, B-Barlar LLC (PA), T-D. Whitworth Beckman, J-Jaime A. Torres, \$63,000.

One of the most impressive 2024 2-year-old debuts was that of Barlar-bred filly Simply Joking. The daughter of Practical Joke impressed trainer Whit Beckman so much in the mornings that he tested her first out in Fair Grounds' \$100,000 Letellier Memorial Stakes on Dec. 21.

Racing greenly and overcoming trouble throughout the 6-furlong contest, the bay owned by Grantley Acres, Ryan Conner and Berkels0813 won by a neck. It was 5 lengths back to the third-place finisher. The distance was covered in 1:10.33, faster than 2-year-old colts ran one race earlier in the Sugar Bowl Stakes.

Ridden by Jaime Torres and sent off the 2.80-1 third choice in the field of six, Simply Joking broke behind the others at the start as the chart noted she "bumped the inner stall door upon leaving the gate."

As the tightly-bunched field raced down the backstretch, she quickly moved up the rail but found herself stuck behind a wall of frontrunners. Just past the half-mile pole, the rangy filly got shuffled back, dropping more than 3 lengths off the leader, favorite Whata Moon. Undeterred, Torres collected Simply Joking and asked her to go as they entered the far turn. She swung five-wide at the top of the stretch and, under a left-handed whip, caught Whata Moon, but was drifting out. Torres switched the stick, which shifted the filly to her left lead and brought the battling pair together for the final sixteenth. Relentless to the wire, she got the better of Whata Moon in the final yards to earn \$63,000.

Torres was quoted after the race: "It was impressive. She was a little green, being her first race, but I think with a little more time, she's going to figure out her job. We're very excited (about her talent)."

Beckman, who later that day saddled the Practical Joke

2-year-old filly Her Laugh to win the Untapable Stakes for Grantley Acres, had high praise for Simply Joking: "Everything that usually gets a first-time starter beat happened," he said. "She's a beast, an absolute specimen. You look at the pedigree and a mile and an eighth looks perfect. The good ones, they can win going six (furlongs) anyway."

Beckman has circled Fair Grounds' Silverbulletday Stakes on Jan. 18, a Kentucky Oaks prep at a mile and 70 yards, for Simply Joking, depending on how she came out of her first start.

ImPLY, a Larry Karp (Barlar) homebred stakes winner, has now produced two stakes winners from her first two foals. Her Hard Spun colt Drum Roll Please won Aqueduct's Jerome Stakes last January. Back in training after sidelined by injury, Drum Roll Please has won or placed in four of his seven starts while earning \$186,540. He was stakes-placed at 2 when third in the Remsen Stakes-G2 behind Dornoch and Sierra Leone.

Drum Roll Please sold as a yearling at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale for \$250,000; Simply Joking was a \$65,000 Keeneland September sales yearling. After not having a 2023 foal to the cover of Justify, ImPLY produced a Kentucky-bred filly by Uncle Mo last March for Karp before being bred to Good Magic.

A year-older half-sister to Barlar-bred and campaigned Advert, a stakes winner of \$230,498, ImPLY is from the second PA-sired crop of E Dubai, whom Karp purchased and brought to stand in Pennsylvania in 2011. ImPLY earned \$772,728, won 12 of 30 starts, seven stakes, and was the leading Breeding Fund recipient horse of 2019, with bonuses of \$245,375 (including all awards, she earned Barlar a total of \$307,170).

Simply Joking's second dam is the stakes-placed Orientate mare Allude. The female line traces back directly to Sharon Brown, dam of Hall of Famer and Horse of the Year Holy Bull. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## GRAVESEND S

AQU, \$150,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 12-28.

## WON - MAXIMUS MERIDIUS

g, 3, Maximus Mischief–Quiet Virtue, by Quiet American.  
O-LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC and Robert E. Reid Jr.,  
B-Westerly Farm (PA), T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-John R. Velazquez,  
\$82,500.

Maximus Meridius was one of the best PA-Bred 3-year-olds of 2024 yet to win a stakes race. The son of Maximus Mischief campaigned by LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC and trainer Butch Reid rectified that oversight in Aqueduct's \$150,000 Gravesend Stakes on Dec. 28.

Facing his first sloppy track since a fourth-place finish in the Grade 3 Gotham Stakes at Aqueduct back in March, Maximus Meridius had done a lot in his eight starts in between. He ran second in four stakes – the Bay Shore and Gold Fever at Aqueduct, the Salvatore M. DeBunda Sprint at Parx, and Steel Valley Sprint Stakes at Mahoning Valley – ran in a Grade 1 and defeated older runners in a 6-furlong allowance at Parx in October.

The only 3-year-old in the Gravesend's field of seven, he went off as the second choice at 2.45-1 while ridden for the first time by John Velazquez.

Breaking sharply, Maximus Meridius went immediately to the lead until Velazquez settled him to the inside of pacesetter Toxic Gray, who zipped a quarter in :22.35.

As the field swung into the far turn, there was a four-way battle for the lead, with Maximus Meridius maintaining his position to the inside after a half in :45.75. As they entered the stretch, it was Full Moon Madness and Maximus Meridius who emerged in front and turned in a fantastic battle to the wire. Full Moon Madness leaned in on his younger rival and had his nose in front midstretch. But Velazquez got more out of Maximus Meridius, who inched away late to win by a half-length. His final time for the 6 furlongs was 1:10.33, which earned him a 94 Beyer.

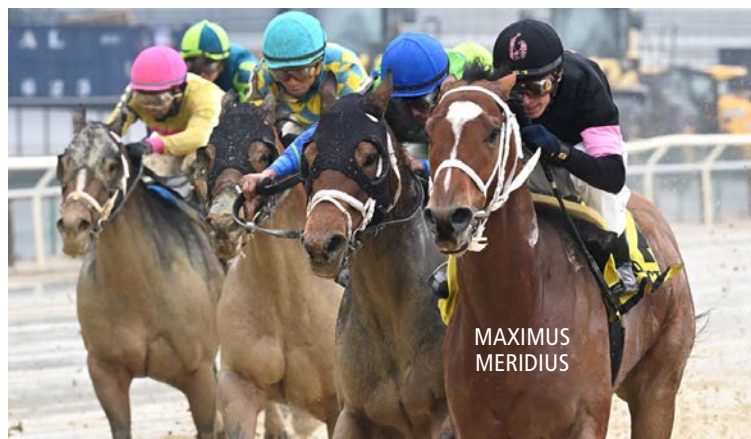
"I saw Jose (Lezcano aboard Toxic Gray) trying to go, trying to go, and I took a good hold of my horse," said Velazquez. "I said, 'I'm not going to fight him much.' I put my hands down with a nice hold of him," he explained. "Then at the quarter-pole, someone moved on the outside, I don't know who, but I was like, 'oh, now I've got to go.' He put in a very good fight down the lane."

"He has a bad habit of waiting on horses in the lane," said Reid. "The last couple starts we've been taking him back, but he broke so sharp for Johnny today and he did the right thing. I thought there were 2-or-3 speed horses that might outfoot us, but he broke sharp and Johnny put him in a nice, close position and he said he was doing it comfortably and that was fine with me."

Reid, who got his 992nd career win, added: "He's always been a very talented horse, and he really hasn't given us everything. Johnny was really impressed with him – his gallop out was good and strong, and he doesn't think a little further is out of the question either."

Maximus Meridius was bred by Westerly Farm out of the Quiet American mare Quiet Virtue, a winner at 5 ½ furlongs who later raced for Westerly Farm over hurdles up to 2 ¼ miles. The mare was first bred to Commissioner in 2018 and produced the winner Stevie T. Maximus Meridius is her second named foal.

Mark Reid, who leases part of Westerly (formerly Walnut Green), saw the colt as a yearling, called his brother Butch to have him take a look, and the partnership group purchased him out of the field. The mare returned to Maximus Mischief for 2023 and delivered a colt, now in Florida being broken. She didn't produce a reported foal in 2024 after being bred to Golden Lad, and returned to Maximus Mischief. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## MISS BEHAVIOUR S

PRX, \$100,000, 2YOF, 7F, 12-30.

## WON - HONORABLE WIN

f, 2, Winchill–Honorable Partner, by Congressional Honor. O-Pewter Stable, B-Pewter Stable (PA), T-Kathleen A. DeMasi, J-Eliseo Ruiz, \$56,400.

## 2ND - JOYFUL JOYCE

f, 2, Uptowncharlybrown–Joyce’s Angel, by Afleet Alex. O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA), \$18,800.

## 3RD - DOUBLE AIRO

f, 2, Airoforce–Double Axel, by Orb. (\$3,000 2022 FTMDEC) O-Eric Rizer, B-PA Stallions LLC (PA), \$9,400.

The PA-Bred/PA-Sired series has been a financial boon for Pewter Stable with the exploits of homebred Honorable Win. The gray daughter of Winchill won the first two legs of the 2024 series for fillies (foaled in 2022) by taking the Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes in her debut in September and adding the Miss Behaviour Stakes on Dec. 30 at Parx.

Not having raced since a second-place finish in mid-October in Presque Isle’s Finest City Stakes, Honorable Win returned to face a sloppy track. The Kate DeMasi trainee went off the 4-1 second choice in the field of eight, as recent Laurel winner Double Airo took most of the action at 7-10.

Running true to form, Honorable Win was well back early as pacesetter Tudox Dahlia – with Double Airo and Angel of Hope in hot pursuit – went the opening quarter in :22.51 and the half in :46.26.

Heading into the far turn, rider Eliseo Ruiz was scrubbing on Honorable Win to pick up the pace. The filly kicked in, made up ground on the turn, drifted out and took aim at new leader Double Airo as she rallied down the center of the track. The win was secured within a few strides as Honorable Win easily pulled away to win by 4 3/4 lengths over longshot Joyful Joyce, who rallied from far back to get the pace spot over Double Airo.

Honorable Win is a third-generation homebred for Pewter Stable and traces back to one of the stable’s top performers, Tj’s Tuff as Nails.

A daughter of Bates Motel, Tj’s Tuff as Nails was purchased by Pewter Stable as a 2-year-old out of the 1993 OBS April sale for \$15,000. She went on to win three stakes, place in seven others, and earn \$217,907. Of her nine named foals, eight of them started, seven were winners. The Partner’s Hero filly Tuff Partners was her first foal, and most accomplished, becoming a stakes winner of \$220,766.

Tuff Partners joined the Pewter Stable broodmare band and was a 100 percent producer, as all eight foals were winners, including stakes-placed daughter Discreetly Tough (by Discreet Cat).

Tuff Partners’ second foal, Honorable Partner (by former Pewter stallion Congressional Honor) won three times over three seasons and earned \$65,479. Bred exclusively to Pewter-managed stallion Winchill, she has two foals of racing age; Honorable Win’s year older brother Honorable Chill was also a winner on 2024.

Honorable Partner was sold, in foal to Winchill with a Winchill filly by her side, through the Inglis Digital USA sale this past July for \$1,000.

Winchill, a 17-year-old son of Tapit, has been moved to Monte Cristo Farm in Oxford for the 2025 season. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## MARYLAND JUVENILE FILLY S

LRL, \$100,000, 2YOF, 7F, 12-7.

## GIN TALKING S

LRL, \$100,000, 2YOF, 7F, 12-28.

## WON - CAPRICE

f, 2, Golden Lad–Grand Folly, by Street Cry (Ire).  
Runnymore Racing LLC, B-Gregory and Caroline Bentley  
Breeders (PA), T-Cathal A. Lynch, J-Jaime Rodriguez.

She did it again. And again. Gregory and Caroline Bentley's homebred 2-year-old filly Caprice, running under the couple's Runnymore Racing banner, recorded two stakes wins in December to wrap up a stellar campaign. The Cathal Lynch-trained daughter of Northview Stallion Station sire Golden Lad won six of her seven starts, five in stakes company, and earned \$331,250 for the year.

Eligible for the Maryland Juvenile Filly Stakes on Dec. 7, open to Maryland-bred or Maryland-sired runners, Caprice went off the 6-5 favorite in the field of six. The task was made slightly easier when second-choice and expected pacesetter Ms Notion stumbled out of the gate and lost her rider. But Jaime Rodriguez, riding Caprice for the third time, got the jump on the field immediately. "I was a little bit worried because the last time (a win in the Smart Halo Stakes) she broke a little bit bad and she came from off the pace, but today she was so relaxed and comfortable in the gate," Rodriguez said. "The gate opened and she was on top and I said, 'You know what, we've got to go now.'



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"We got the jump on everybody so we had to take a shot," he added. "All the way around she was comfortable. At the three-eighths pole she was playing around with the horses and every time somebody got next to her, she gave me more and more. She gave me everything in the end."

She cruised home a 1 ½-length winner while getting 7 furlongs in 1:25.89.

Three weeks later she and Rodriguez faced four rivals in open company in Laurel's \$100,000 Gin Talking Stakes. Sent off the overwhelming 1-5 choice on the sloppy going, she broke smartly and went immediately to the front. But this time she had company, on both sides, and three fillies battled across the track down the backstretch, while clicking off fractions of :22.78 and :46.09.

Fighting to get her head in front at the top of the stretch, Caprice shook clear, opened up a daylight lead, and crossed the finish line 1 ¾ lengths on top. Her final time was 1:27.88.

Caprice is the third winner from as many foals of racing age for the Street Cry (Ire) mare Grand Folly. All were winners in 2024. Grand Folly's just-turned 2-year-old is a filly from the first crop of Galawi (Ire). She has a yearling colt by Warrior's Reward born last April. ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## WAIT FOR IT S

PRX, \$100,000, 2YO, 7F, 12-30.

## WON - FENTON FOREVER

c, 2, Pat On the Back–Fairy Gray, by Cat Thief.  
O-Wynter Racing Stable, B-Desmond C. Wynter (PA),  
T-J. Tyler Servis, J-Kendrick Carmouche, \$56,400.

## 2ND - REELIN N DEALIN

g, 2, Pat On the Back–Fringe Benefits, by Cape Blanco (IRE).  
(\$20,000 2024 FTMMAY) O-Quint Essential Stables LLC,  
B-Barbara Rickline & Gabe Rispo (PA), \$18,800.

## 3RD - BALLAD OF WARRIOR

g, 2, Warrior's Reward–Song Memory, by Unbridled's Song.  
O-Warrior's Reward, B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA), \$9,400.

The Wait For It Stakes for PA-Breds sired by PA stallions at Parx on Dec. 30 attracted a field of eight. Three of the entrants were sons of freshman sire Pat On the Back, who stands at Bonner Hill Farms in Littlestown. With a one-two finish, the young stallion's career has officially been launched.

Seeking to remain perfect in his second career start, Desmond Wynter's homebred Fenton Forever was hustled out of the gate by Kendrick Carmouche, clicked off fractions of :23.28 and :47.01 over the sloppy track while never seriously challenged, opened up heading into the stretch and cruised home a 3 3/4-length winner in the 7-furlong test. The only runner making up any ground was Tyler Servis-trained stablemate Reelin N Dealin. Pat On the Back's third runner, Good Friday Man, ran fifth. The three combined to earn \$78,960 in the race worth \$100,000.

Fenton Forever and Reelin N Dealin had met in their previous start, a 1 1/16-mile PA-Bred maiden special weight on Nov. 18 at Parx. Fenton Forever delivered a similar performance, leading throughout and drawing off to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Reelin N Dealin dug in down the stretch and got up for second. Owned by Quint Essential Stables, Reelin N Dealin is still seeking his first victory, after finishing second three times in four starts. He made a splash in his debut in September when becoming Pat On the Back's first stakes performer after rallying behind The Boy's Warrior in the Whistle Pig.

From his first crop of 13 foals, Pat On the Back had a gaudy 50 percent stakes horses from starters in 2024. Fenton Forever earned \$80,400 in his two juvenile starts, with Reelin N Dealin accruing \$50,300. The son of Congrats ended the year as the Mid-Atlantic region's leading freshman sire with \$140,976 in progeny earnings from four starters.

Fenton Forever is the third winner from three foals of racing age, and second stakes performer, for the PA-Bred Cat Thief mare Fairy Gray. Campaigned by Wynter Racing Stable, Fairy Gray was a winner of \$41,345. Her first live foal is Wynter's winning mare Ell Gray (2019, by Well Spelled). Wynter got the filly Gray Lightning in 2021 when breeding Fairy Gray to Social Inclusion. With two wins in her first three starts, by an average winning margin of more than 10 lengths, the filly was sold last spring for \$370,000 to NR Club out of the Fasig-Tipton April Digital Sale. She remained with her trainer Tyler Servis to win a Parx allowance, by more than a dozen lengths, last April and finish third in her stakes debut in Saratoga's Jersey Girl Stakes in June to boost her earnings to \$119,320.

Fairy Gray delivered a chestnut filly by Pat On the Back last February now named Adel's Way. ■

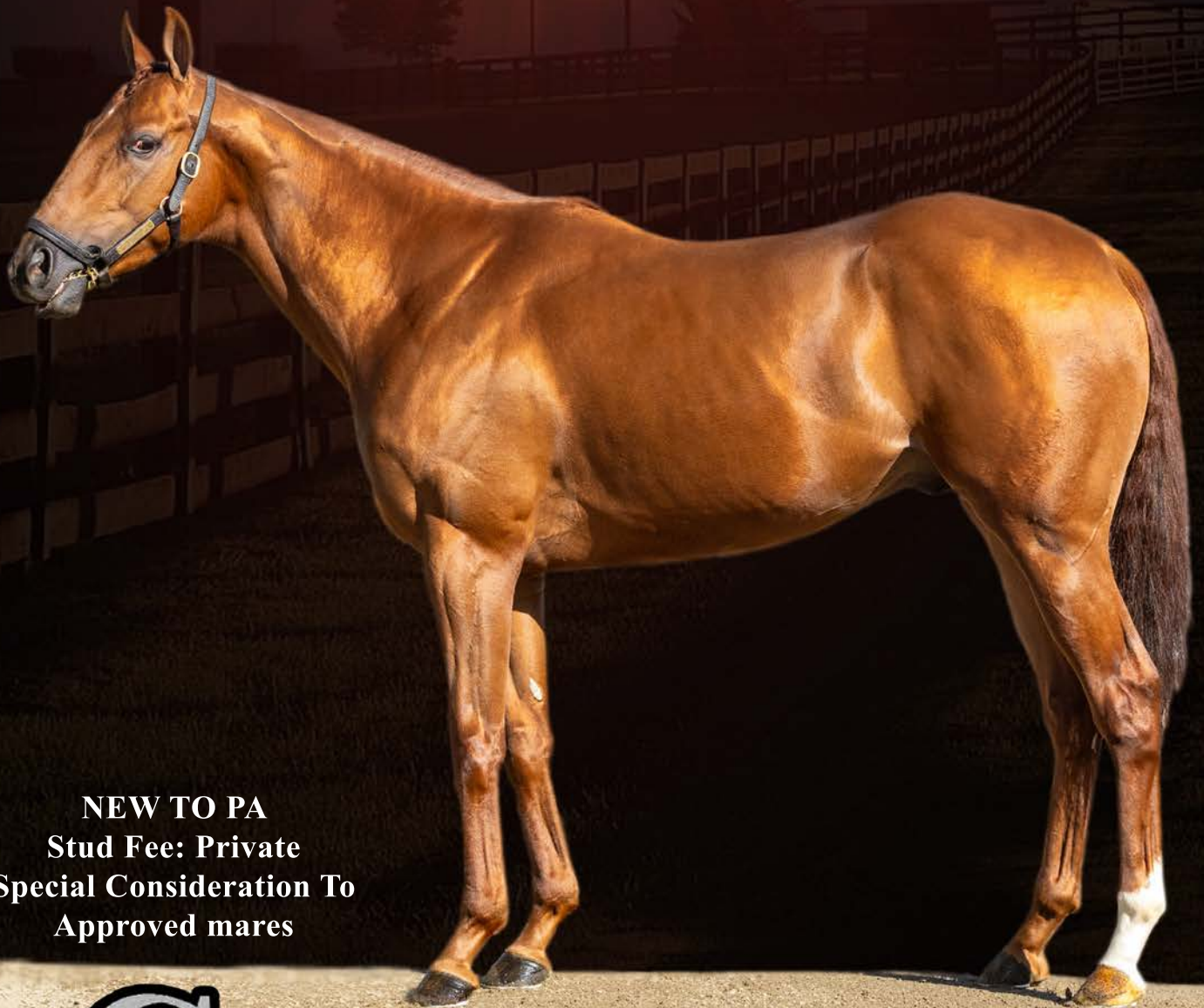


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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## PARX FUTURE STARS S

PRX, \$75,000, 2YO, 7F, 12-30.

### 2ND - CRAB DADDY

g, 2, Uncle Lino–So Innocent, by Blame. O-Brian C. Schartz, B-Brian C. Schartz (PA), \$14,600.

## KRIS KRINGLE S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/16M, 12-31.

### 2ND - MOVISITOR

c, 4, Uncle Mo–Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro. (\$135,000 RNA 2021 FTMOCT; \$120,000 2023 FTKHRA) O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC, B-Forgotten Land Investment (PA), \$14,400.

## MRS. CLAUS S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 12-31.

### 2ND - CONFIRMED STAR

f, 4, Uptowncharlybrown–Its My Town, by Cowtown Cat. (\$32,000 2022 FTMMAY) O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC, B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA), \$14,600.

## BLITZEN S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 12-31.

### 2ND - ONE MORE SCOOP

g, 5, Uncle Lino–Single Scoop, by Scrimshaw. O-Shooting Star Stable B-Michael Anspach (PA), \$14,800.

## PARX FUTURE STARS S

PRX, \$75,000, 2YO, 7F, 12-30.

### 3RD - ALCHEMISM

g, 2, Kobe's Back–Enchanted Evening, by First Defence. (\$5,000 2023 FTMOCT) O-A and J Racing Stable LLC, B-Dr. & Mrs. William E. Riddle Jr. (PA), \$7,300.

## MRS. CLAUS S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 7F, 12-31.

### 3RD - DISCO EBO

m, 5, Weigelia–Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. (\$52,000 2020 FTMOCT) O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC, B-St. Omer's Farm (PA), \$7,300.

## BLITZEN S

PRX, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 12-31.

### 3RD - VEESON

c, 4, Il Villano–Springingintherein, by Spring At Last. O-Chuck Russo, B-Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Robert Russo (PA), \$7,400.

## HOWARD & SONDRABENDER MEMORIAL S

LRL, \$75,000, 3YO/UP, 7F, 12-21.

### 3RD - WITTY

g, 5, Great Notion–Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. O-Qatar Racing LLC, Marc Detampel and Elizabeth M. Merryman, B-Elizabeth M. Merryman (PA), \$7,500.



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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  
**\$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards  
2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:  
**\$100,000 WHISTLE PIG STAKES** 2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs  
**\$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. 27 **\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs



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



Monday, Dec. 30 2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:  
**\$100,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES** 2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs  
**\$100,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES** 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



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# PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS

PARX RACING  
Monday, April 22

**\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP** 3 & up, 7 furlongs

1ST - FAR MO POWER  
2ND - NINETYPRCENTMADDIE  
3RD - UNCLE ERNIE

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

1ST - MORNING MATCHA  
2ND - DOCTOR ABBIE  
3RD - WARRIOR'S RANSOM

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Friday, May 31

**\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf

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

**\$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES** 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf

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

**\$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf

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

1ST - ROSIE'S ALIBI  
2ND - NEW HIRE  
3RD - GENEVIEVE'S Z VA

## MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP

3 & up, 5 furlongs, off turf

1ST - SMOOTH B  
2ND - TRADERS LUCK  
3RD - KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO

## JUMP START STAKES

3 & up, PA-Sire PA-bred,  
7 furlongs

1ST - GORDIAN KNOT  
2ND - CAPO  
3RD - VEESON

PARX RACING  
Monday, August 26

## STORM CAT STAKES

3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards

1ST - IRISH CORK  
2ND - MARGIN OF AIR  
3RD - MARKET MAVEN

## MRS. PENNY STAKES

3 & up, f&m, 11/16 miles, off turf

1ST - MORNING MATCHA  
2ND - MIA TOSCA  
3RD - NATURE'S CANDY

# PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS

## ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP

3 & up, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles, turf

1ST - CRISPER  
2ND - FIERCE AND STRONG  
3RD - MARGIN OF AIR

## WHISTLE PIG STAKES

2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds,  
6 furlongs

1ST - THE BOY'S WARRIOR  
2ND - REELIN N DEALIN  
3RD - BEYONDEXPECTATIONS

## MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES

2YO fillies, PA-Sired  
PA-Breds, 6 furlongs

1ST - HONORABLE WIN  
2ND - TUDOX DAHLIA  
3RD - VIVI ROSE

## PLUM PRETTY STAKES

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

1ST - FOXY JUNIOR  
2ND - PACHELBEL  
3RD - CONFIRMED STAR

## FINEST CITY STAKES

2YO fillies, 6 furlongs

1ST - DIXIELAND BELLE  
2ND - HONORABLE WIN  
3RD - BOUJIE BETZ

## MARK McDERMOTT STAKES

2YO, 6 furlongs

1ST - THE BOY'S WARRIOR  
2ND - BALLAD OF WARRIOR  
3RD - MISSION FIRST

PARX RACING  
Saturday, Sept. 21

PRESQUE ISLE  
Monday, Oct. 14

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Monday, Oct. 21

# PA-BRED STAKES RESULTS

## **\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES** 2YO, 7 furlongs

- 1ST - CRAB DADDY
- 2ND - THE BOY'S WARRIOR
- 3RD - BABY DUKES

PARX RACING

Wednesday, Nov. 27

## **\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES** 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs

- 1ST - ICONA MAMA
- 2ND - DADOO
- 3RD - QUERCUS

## **\$100,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES** 2YO, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs

- 1ST - FENTON FOREVER
- 2ND - REELIN N DEALIN
- 3RD - BALLAD OF WARRIOR

PARX RACING

Monday, Dec. 30

## **\$100,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES** 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs

- 1ST - HONORABLE WIN
- 2ND - JOYFUL JOYCE
- 3RD - DOUBLE AIRO

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