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## POWER PLAY!



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AT PARX IN APRIL

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Good Luck this Belmont weekend to the Blackstone-bred Roses for Debra in the G2 Intercontinental Stakes, the Jon Marshall-bred Neechie Marie in the G1 New York Stakes, the LC Racing-bred Ninetyprcentmaddie in the G2 True North Stakes, the LC Racing, Cash is King, Butch Reid-bred Maximus Meridius in the G1 Woody Stevens and the Glenn Brok & Mark Toothaker-Bred I'm Very Busy in the G1 Manhattan Stakes. Should be a great week for PA-Breds! Don't wait to become part of the action, go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) and view the 2024 Stallion Directory. While you're there, check out the new stallions standing in 2024. Breed to a PA stallion and receive 40% in Breeder Awards, up to 40% in Owner Bonuses, eligibility for the PA-Sired, PA-Bred Series, and hundreds of Restricted Races. Wow!



The PA-Sired PA-Bred series has been expanded for foals of 2022 to include 3yos. The nomination fee is now \$1,000, for those who have purchased 2yos, through June 30. Replacing the trainer bonus this year will be a \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series: \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third. This bonus will be paid after the 3yo races in 2025.

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

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

*Brian Sanfratello*  
Executive Secretary

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Finally!

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

# FAR MO POWER'S CONNECTIONS CAN CELEBRATE

When Far Mo Power crossed the finish line 1¼ lengths in front to capture the \$100,000 Page McKenney Handicap in April, his connections exploded with excitement. It seemed like it was the first time Far Mo Power won a stakes race - but it actually was not. The PA-Bred's quest for a true winner's circle stakes photograph was a long time coming.

Born at Castle Rock Farm in West Chester, Pa., on April 20, 2018, Far Mo Power was a "super classy" foal from the start, according to the farm's manager June Hillman. She has been

involved with the mares in his female family for more than five generations. The first mare she remembered was Far Mo Power's great-great grandmother Happy April (Better Arbitor, 1983).

"I worked for Dick McDevitt before I came here to Castle Rock," she explained. "I raised Happy April and her daughter Black Dahlia [Oh Say, 1989] at his farm. I bought Black Dahlia and brought her to Castle Rock," she said. "I leased her out as well as her daughter Jungle Dahlia [Nepal, 1993]."

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SHOWN WINNING THE 2024  
**PAGE MCKENNEY**  
**HANDICAP**  
AT PARX

Hillman cared for the mares and foals at the McDevitt Farm nursery. When a broodmare approached her due date, she would ship to Castle Rock Farm for foaling and getting re-bred. The mare and her foal would then head back home to Hillman. It was a natural progression that she would eventually join the Castle Rock Farm team.

"After coming to Castle Rock, I tracked down Black Dahlia and Jungle Dahlia and bought them," she said. "Black Dahlia was my husband Joe's favorite. Our little cottage sat right in the middle of the broodmare field so they would surround the house in the evenings, and we would feed and play with them."

The first horse that Hillman was officially listed as a co-breeder was Jungle Dahlia's 2002 filly, Far Mo Power's mother J. D. Safari. A member of the first crop of 10-time stakes winner Power by Far, J. D. Safari was also Hillman's first time invested in a racehorse and it proved to be an excellent result. J. D. Safari won five races and was second or third in five stakes races.

"J. D. Safari was so exciting to watch because she was a closer," remembered Hillman. "She would always come from really far out of it to win."

As a broodmare, J. D. Safari is "the most loving mother", passing that friendly trait on to her offspring, including Far Mo Power himself. Every year there is a theme for nicknames that are chosen for the foals. In 2018 it was Spanish words and Far Mo Power was aptly nicknamed "Amigo". When he returned home last year for a vacation, he was a perfect gentleman and was even able to be turned out in a herd rather than by himself as most layups tend to be.

"Amigo" had a bit of trouble finding a racing home at first, but once he did, it was perfect. Peter Giangulio, his official breeder and the owner of Castle Rock Farm, decided on a whim to contact former racehorse owner Joseph Sutton.

Sutton remembers that day clearly. "Peter asked if I wanted a horse and I thought, 'Absolutely not'. It was a dreary and wet day, so I thought I would ask my wife Peggy; make her the

'bad guy'. But when I asked her if she wanted to go for a ride to West Chester to look at a horse, she said yes. So much for that! It turned out to be one of the best decisions ever."

The duo made the trek to Castle Rock Farm on that cold, rainy day and then were shown the youngsters in the field, all covered from head to toe in mud. Giangulio pointed out the son of J. D. Safari, and noted that the PA-Bred was by Uncle Lino.

"We saw him out in that muddy field and were shocked at the size of his a—" Sutton remembered enthusiastically.

"That's where all the power comes from and it was huge. I bought him and then I let him grow up, because I don't believe in 3-year-old racing. And it's really worked out well for him. He's lightly raced, only 17 starts, and he really only ran at the very, very end of his 3-year-old year."

Next, Sutton needed a trainer for the gelding. Most of his years as a racehorse owner were several decades ago and this time he thought he would try something new. Sutton used to choose trainers based on their personalities, especially if they were friendly and open. This time he wanted to do more research, and that drew his attention to Lou Linder Jr.

"I knew Lou's father, Lou Sr., and had always said hello to him around the track. We never really interacted but we always said hello to each other. I looked at the standings and saw that Lou Jr., was always doing well. So one day at the races I approached him outside the paddock and asked if he had any stalls. I think he was a little caught off guard but he said he would let me know and turned to walk away. I called after him, 'He's an Uncle Lino!' and Lou came to a dead stop. He turned around and gave me his number."

Once Far Mo Power arrived at Parx Racing, Linder knew almost right away that they had something special. "We thought he'd be a really good sprinter because he would just beat everything in the morning," Linder said. "But it turns out he wanted a little more distance. He's very friendly, likes people and likes to train. He's really easy."

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## FAR MO POWER CONT.

Far Mo Power rewarded Sutton's patience by capturing five of his first nine races, including a sensational 10½-length allowance victory, plus a close second-place finish in the \$100,000 Storm Cat Stakes in 2022.

Those races earned him a spot in that September's \$200,000 Parx Dirt Mile on Pennsylvania Derby Day, when all the big-timers ship into town. Sure enough, Grade 1-winning millionaire and defending champion Mind Control topped the field as the overwhelming favorite. Despite going off at 12-1, Far Mo Power showed his true capabilities, battling tooth and nail with Mind Control from gate to wire, even briefly losing the lead in deep stretch before surging to a neck victory.

"We were walking on clouds," Linder said. "And then when I walked into the winner's circle I saw the inquiry sign up. I talked to my assistant and we agreed, obviously we didn't do anything; it wasn't us. And then they're blinking us. To say we bumped was crazy, even the chart says they brushed each other as they came together. It wasn't even a little

hard. I've watched it 1,000 times. And you know, other than a few haters, nobody thought the horse should have come down. Nobody. So yeah, that was from the highest high to the lowest low in about three seconds."

After the heartbreaking disqualification, which took a full seven minutes that fateful afternoon, Sutton and Linder appealed the decision through the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission. But then a new twist entered the mix: Mind Control tested positive for the banned substance hydrochlorothiazide, a diuretic that reduces the amount of potassium in the blood in order to treat hyperkalemic periodic paralysis.

Strangely, Linder only discovered the issue when he overheard conversations by the bookkeeper's office about the purse money being kept on hold. He asked one of the stewards and was told about the potential positive test. Then they just had to sit back and wait. It took nearly a year, but on August 18, 2023, Far Mo Power was finally bumped back up to first place in the Parx Dirt Mile, while Mind Control was disqualified and placed last.

### FAR MO POWER

SHOWN WINNING THE  
PARX DIRT MILE  
IN 2022



Far Mo Power's connections may not have been able to celebrate on race day, but they were certainly happy with the eventual outcome.

"It was fun," admitted Linder. "They took away the moment, but we got the money in the end. So that's the best part. Mr. Sutton made me a collage and we cut the saddle towel in half for it, which was really cool."

"He's the greatest guy. He's down to earth. He'll ask some questions like where are we going next or what my plans are, but other than that, he doesn't put any pressure on me at all. He's not over the top and he doesn't judge my decisions, whether they're good, bad or indifferent. Hopefully there are more good ones."

Far Mo Power raced five times in 2023, and while he was never worse than third and ran some of his best lifetime numbers, he just couldn't quite get to the winner's circle more than once. Linder had been trying for a repeat win in the Parx Dirt Mile, but it just was not going to happen.

"He needed a break. It was starting to affect the way he was acting. So I told Mr. Sutton that we might as well pull the plug and send him back to the farm where he grew up for the rest of the year."

When Far Mo Power returned to Linder this year, he was raring to go, training like a monster. The Page McKenney Handicap at Parx Racing on April 22 was the perfect goal to have Far Mo Power make his 2024 debut. The race was 7 furlongs and Linder was not positive that the son of Uncle Lino could go fast enough in his first start back; he would have preferred a mile. It was also a staggering 280-day layoff.

When the gates opened, Far Mo Power took himself back to 11th and last, more than a dozen lengths behind pacesetter Twisted Ride. It was a disappointing beginning, but as the race went on, Far Mo Power began passing horses like a freight train, even while going extremely wide around the turn. With the length of the stretch remaining, he dug in with all of his heart, powering past his remaining rivals with nearly unbelievable ease. As he soared under the wire, everyone connected to Far Mo Power exploded with happiness. Finally they could truly celebrate a stakes victory.

Sutton was ecstatic about his horse. "It's been a heart-pounding ride. My entire family came down for the Page McKenney and it was so special. There were even two more people who I thought weren't able to make it, and then when they tapped me on the shoulder in the winner's circle, I couldn't believe it!"

There are plenty of options for Far Mo Power this summer, and it will be exciting to see where his talent takes him. Linder has several races in mind, including the \$150,000 Salvatore Mile-G3 on June 17 at Monmouth Park. And of course a return to the Parx Dirt Mile, with a boosted purse of \$300,000, would be a highlighted goal.

Meanwhile, the newest generation is growing at Castle Rock Farm. Far Mo Power's full brother, born March 11, is stunning. But according to June Hillman,

the most exciting prospect is out of a full sister to J. D. Safari named J D Rain Farrest. It's a no-brainer what the foal nickname theme is this year: the two Uncle Lino colts are named "Peyton" and "Eli". Now they just have to live up to those names, following the path that Far Mo Power has left for them along the way. ■



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# 2023 PA-BRED CHAMPIONS AND LEADING BREEDERS

*The Champions & Leading Breeders were celebrated  
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## HORSE OF THE YEAR

3-YEAR-OLD MALE

# ANGEL OF EMPIRE

Bred by Forgotten Land Investment Inc. & Black Diamond Equine Corp.

A Grade 1 winner, classic-placed and a millionaire all in one year, Angel of Empire burst onto the scene Jan. 1 with a second-place finish in his stakes debut, Oaklawn Park's Smarty Jones.

He followed with victories in Fair Grounds' Grade 2 Risen Star and the \$1.25-million Arkansas Derby-G1. Sent off as favorite in the Kentucky Derby-G1, he rallied from more than a dozen lengths back to finish third. Next, he deadheaded for fourth in the Belmont Stakes-G1, just a little over 2 lengths behind winner Arcangelo, and finished his season with a troubled third, beaten a half length, in Saratoga's Jim Dandy Stakes-G2. In six starts he earned \$1,446,375, tops among all PA-Breds in 2023.



## AWARDS CONTINUED



2-Year-Old Filly

### CARMELINA

Bred by Lilith E. Boucher

Well-traveled Carmelina recorded four wins at four different tracks, with stakes wins in Colonial Downs' Keswick, Penn National's Shamrock Rose and Laurel Park's Gin Talking. In six starts, she earned \$221,800.



2-Year-Old Male

### DRUM ROLL PLEASE

Bred by Barlar LLC

Racing exclusively in New York, Drum Roll Please was on the board three times in four starts.

His campaign wrapped with a third in the Remsen Stakes-G2 behind Dornoch and Sierra Leone. He recorded his first win in a maiden special weight at Belmont at The Big A meet in October after finishing second behind eventual Grade 1 winner Locked in his second start at Saratoga.



3-Year-Old Filly

### NEECIE MARIE

Bred by Jon A. Marshall

The richest PA-Bred 3-year-old filly of 2023, Neechie Marie made nine starts, won four times and was second twice while amassing more than \$265,000. Winner of the Mrs. Penny Stakes in her stakes debut on the PA Day At the Races card, she faced graded company the rest of the year. In New York, she just missed by a neck in the \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton Jockey Club Oaks Invitational Stakes-G3 and was second again in the Sands Point-G2.



Older Female • Turf Female • Female Sprinter

### CARAVEL

Bred by Elizabeth M. Merryman

Kicking off the year with three consecutive stakes scores, which extended her win streak to five, Caravel was the top turf sprinter in the nation after reeling off wins in the Grade 2 Shakertown against males at Keeneland in April and the Unbridled Sidney Stakes on the Kentucky Oaks undercard in May, and recording her second Grade 1 win while taking down males in the Jaipur Stakes on Belmont Stakes Day at Belmont Park, completing 6 furlongs in 1:07.93. She added \$652,175 to her bankroll in six starts, the most for any female PA-Bred runner in 2023.

## AWARDS CONTINUED



Older Male

### **NIMITZ CLASS**

Bred by Arrowwood Farm

On the board in all nine starts in 2023, Nimitz Class ran a win streak to five in the early months of the year with victories in the John B. Campbell, Harrison E. Johnson Memorial and Native Dancer, all at Laurel Park, and an allowance score at Parx. He recorded his fifth win of the year in the Parx Dirt Mile while defeating multiple Grade 1 winner Gunite. In between were seconds in the Grade 3 Salvator Mile, Deputed Testamony and Storm Cat Stakes and he concluded his season with a third in the M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile. He was the richest PA-Bred older male of the year with earnings of \$482,600.



Male Sprinter

### **TWISTED RIDE**

Bred by Kasey K Racing Stable

Nine times in 11 starts Twisted Ride came home in the top three, seven in stakes company, all at distances under a mile. From late January through late April he won four straight, including Parx Racing's Fishtown Stakes and Page McKenney Handicap in gritty fashion, and added a victory in the Banjo Picker Sprint on the PA Day At the Races card in August. He was twice graded stakes-placed in New York with a second in the Grade 3 Runhappy and a third in the Grade 3 Bold Ruler.



Turf Male

### **OUR SHOT**

Bred by Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc.

In six straight races, from Tampa Bay to Saratoga, with stops at Keeneland and Monmouth Park thrown in, Our Shot won three times, with two seconds and a third. He was Grade 2-placed when second in Keeneland's Woodford Stakes at 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf, and added turf stakes-placings in Monmouth's Get Serious and Saratoga's Harvey Pack.



PA Preferred Female

Leading Total Breeding Fund Recipient (Horse)

### **AOIFE'S MAGIC**

Bred by Mohns Hill Farm LLC

Aoife's Magic's perfect 4-for-4 season, by an average winning margin of more than 5 1/2 lengths, included stakes scores in Parx Racing's Imply and Miss Behaviour. The daughter of Pennsylvania legend Smarty Jones led all PA-Bred 2-year-olds by earnings with \$261,600 (for an average of \$65,400 per start).



PA Preferred Male

## GORDIAN KNOT

Bred by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imbesi

Three straight wins, two in stakes, and a third in the Grade 2 Gallant Bob Stakes at Parx were the highlights of Gordian Knot's sophomore campaign. Sired in PA by Social Inclusion, the bay gelding captured the Danzig Stakes at Penn National in June, a Parx allowance in July, and scored in the Salvatore M. DeBunda Sprint Stakes against open company in August in his five starts.



Broodmare of the Year

## ZEEZEE ZOOMZOOM

Dam of Caravel and Witty  
Owned by Elizabeth M. Merryman

Zeezee Zoomzoom's PA-Bred duo of Caravel and Witty added to their laurels in 2023 with five stakes wins between them and, combined, they earned over \$800,000 of their career total \$2.46 million. Caravel recorded three stakes wins, including her second career Grade 1 victory when defeating males in the Jaipur Stakes on Belmont Stakes day, and Witty won two stakes and placed in three others.

**AWARDS CONTINUED**



*John Servis & Mrs. Chapman celebrating Smarty Jones's 20th anniversary*

Lifetime Achievement Award

**GLENN BROK**

Award of Merit

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Thoroughbred Makeover Top PA-Bred

**PHLOX**

Bred by Dede McGehee

Leading Total Breeding Fund Recipient

**UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC**

\$868,866

Leading Overall Breeder of Pennsylvania-breds

**BLACKSTONE FARM LLC**

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Leading Breeder Award Recipient

**UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD LLC**

\$632,476.66

Leading Stallion

**UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN**

\$236,389.24



*Guest speaker Tom Durkin*

# 2023 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GLENN BROK



*Becky and Glenn Brok*

Glenn Brok has done a bit of everything with horses. And his winding journey eventually elevated him, with wife Becky, to a breeding and foaling operation that included Grade 1 winners, state-bred champions and being ranked at or near the top of the leading Pennsylvania's Breeders Fund Recipients for more than a decade.

Brok was bitten by the horse bug early when he met his first pony at a party for his third birthday. From then on, he found ways to be around horses. He'd ride what he could as a kid, enjoyed shows and polo, and eventually made his way to the racetrack.

Walking hots at Liberty Bell led to becoming an exercise rider, a trainer and a jockey's agent. In the mid-1980s, after connecting with future wife Becky and training a barn full of horses at Penn National and Erie Downs, he was offered a position with Brook Ledge Horse Transportation, which was growing its business and looking for someone con-

nected to the Thoroughbred world. Brok has been with the company ever since.

Glenn and Becky continued to expand their horizons. On a small farm near Reading that Glenn owned named Diamond B (a precursor to their Mohrsville farm), the couple were asked to sales prep a few weanlings. That launched them into the bloodstock business. Becky established Becky Merkel Sales Company and sold horses of all ages, which led to more connections, and by 2003 they were moving onto a new Diamond B on Tilden Road in Mohrsville.

With the opening of the larger facility, the couple's industry connections led to standing stallions, breeding and foaling mares, taking in layups, rehabilitation, as well as bloodstock services and sales preparation. One of the busiest operations in the state, Diamond B became a source for outside clients. Among the most important were Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

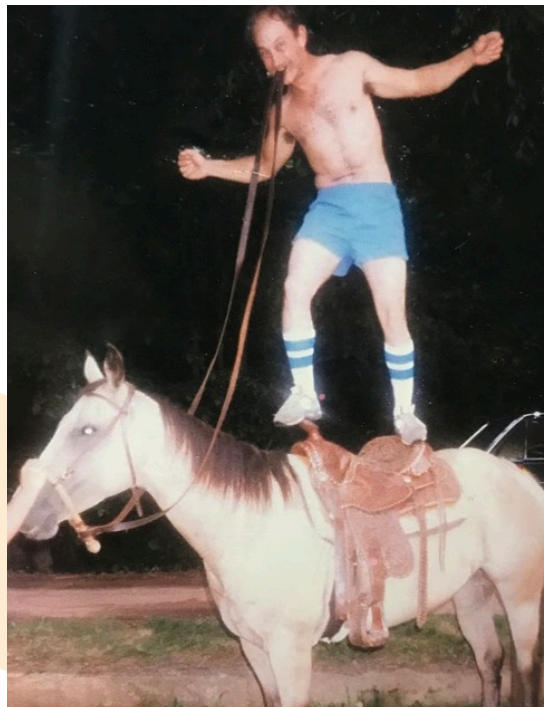
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The Eclipse Award winning breeders and owners, the Ramseys sent mares to foal to Diamond B to participate in the breeding Fund. Among the first was Reachfortheheavens, who delivered Arlington Million-G1 winner Real Solution at the farm in January 2009. Others born at Diamond B included graded stakes winners Emotional Kitten and Hollywood Talent. The Ramseys then sent the first stallion to stand at Diamond B, Talent Search.

More stallions came along, with the Broks launching the careers of successful young sires Uptowncharlybrown, Social Inclusion and Peace and Justice.

After decades in the business, Glenn decided it was time to step away and enjoy retirement, making the announcement in late 2021. He told Joe Clancy in an interview for Mid-

Atlantic Thoroughbred at the time: "I don't want to be the guy where they say, 'Glenn bought a motorhome and he almost got to use it. I want them to say, 'Glenn bought a motorhome and drove the wheels off it.' "



*Glenn Brok*

Now retired on a farm in Kentucky, not far from daughter Sarah and her husband Carlos Estrada, who operate C & S Thoroughbreds sales, the Broks are once again in the spotlight with current graded stakes winner I'm Very Busy, who they bred in partnership with friend Mark Toothaker.

And they continue to rank high on the list of Pennsylvania's Breeders Fund Recipients – in 2023 Glenn E. Brok LLC was third in total bonuses (both breeder and stallion) with \$492,485.42. ■



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Warrior's Reward	\$161,368
Jump Start	\$141,735
Social Inclusion	\$133,512

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

Leading Breeder and Stallion Awards 2023	
Name	Breeder and Stallion Awards
<b>Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC</b>	<b>\$868,865*</b>
Warriors Reward	\$676,707
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$492,485
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$450,665
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# 2023 Iroquois Stakes Winners

Awards are presented to the Breeders of all Pennsylvania-Bred Stakes Winners in 2023

## *Angel of Empire*

Forgotten Land Investment Inc  
& Black Diamond Equine Corp

Risen Star-G2, FG  
Arkansas Derby-G1, OP

## *Aoife's Magic*

Mohns Hill Farm LLC

Imply S, PRX  
Miss Behaviour S, PRX

## *Breezy Gust*

Michael Anspach

Not for Love S, LRL

## *Buy Land and See*

Joseph Imbesi

With Anticipation S, PEN  
Storm Cat S, PRX

## *Capo*

A1A Racing

Pennsylvania Nursery S, PRX

## *Captain Courtney*

Wesley R. Bennett

Malvern Rose S, PID

## *Caravel*

Elizabeth M. Merryman

Shakertown S-G2, KEE  
Unbridled Sidney S, CD  
Jaipur S-G1, BEL

## *Carmelina*

Lilith E. Boucher

Keswick S, CNL  
Shamrock Rose S, PEN  
Gin Talking S, LRL

## *Chase the Chaos*

Mr. & Mrs. Dale N. Krapf

El Camino Real Derby, GG

## *Disco Ebo*

St. Omer's Farm

Penn's Landing S, PRX

## *Dollarization*

William J. Solomon, VMD

Lite the Fuse S, PIM

## *Fore Harp*

St. Omer's Farm

Laurel Dash S, LRL



# 2023 Iroquois Stakes Winners (cont.)

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## *Gamboling Ghost*

Cynthia M. Bartkowski & Scott A. Bunker

Whistle Pig S, PRX

## *Going Up*

Tammy Klimasewski & Robert Klimasewski

Hickory Tree S, CNL

## *Gordian Knot*

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imbesi

Danzig S, PEN  
Salvatore M. Debunda Sprint S, PRX

## *Grated Coconut*

Brunacini Stables Inc.

Birdcatcher S, CTD

## *Greavette*

Heart Hill Farms LLC

Finest City S, PID

## *Heartyconstitution*

Roberta L. Schneider MD

Lyphard S, PEN

## *Heavy Pour*

Richard Bosshard

Mark McDermott S, PID

## *Hey Mamaluke*

Joe Capriglione

Power By Far S, PRX

## *Jody's Ruby*

Gilman Hallenbeck

Miss Blue Tye Dye S, PRX

## *King Kumbalay*

Jonathan Sheppard

Alphabet Soup H, PRX  
Richard W. Small S, LRL

## *Late Frost*

Gregory & Caroline Bentley

New Start S, PEN

## *Lightning Ridge*

Jodie Pointer

Alston Cup S, CHA

## *Maldives Model*

Arrowwood Farm

Princess Of Sylmar S, PID

# 2023 Iroquois Stakes Winners (cont.)

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## *Mia Tosca*

Blackstone Farm LLC

Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, PRX

## *Morning Matcha*

Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC

Unique Bella S, PRX  
New York Stallion Series S, AQU

## *Movisitor*

Forgotten Land Investment Inc.

Crowd Pleaser S, PRX

## *My Beautiful Belle*

Joseph A. Ioia

Regret S, MTH

## *Necie Marie*

Jon A. Marshall

Mrs. Penny S, PRX

## *Nice Ace*

Blackstone Farm LLC

Hard Spun S, PID  
Avery Whisman Memorial S, PID

## *Nimitz Class*

Arrowwood Farm

John B. Cambell S, LRL  
Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S, LRL  
Native Dancer S, LRL  
Parx Dirt Mile S, PRX

## *Ninetyprcentmaddie*

LC Racing LLC

City of Brotherly Love S, PRX  
Carle Place S, BAQ

## *Notice of Action*

Bryan Minnich

Prince Lucky S, PRX

## *One More Kelly*

Warrior's Reward LLC

Plum Pretty S, PRX

## *One More Scoop*

Michael Anspach

Fabulous Strike S, PEN

## *Perfect Hideaway*

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# A LUCKY PURCHASE

BY PATTI REED



Rolling down the highway with a load of mares and foals headed to Lexington, Ky., Jay Metzler explained how he acquired a stakes-producing broodmare and got into the Thoroughbred breeding business. "I was at Ed Price's Mohns Hill Farm, and he asked me if I wanted to see a mare he had for sale. I said sure, and he showed me the mare, Polarized. Since I have a show horse background, I look at horses differently than race horse trainers do. I thought she was a nice show horse prospect because she is a good-looking mare and a good mover, so I bought her. She already had Aoife's Magic, but she hadn't raced yet. Just a few days ago, Polarized had a nice colt by Smarty Jones, so now I have a full brother to Aoife's Magic."

A jack-of-all-trades, Jay Metzler operates a horse transportation business from WinRose Farm called equine limousine service based in Quakertown, Pa. He specializes in mare and foal transportation and is on call 24/7 for emergency trips to local veterinary hospitals. His customized tractor trailer is configured for eight box stalls or 15 single stalls. "I have quite a few great private clients in the area, like Pat Chapman and Rodney Eckenrode at Equistar Farm. I brought the stallion Brody's Cause up from Kentucky to Equistar in Anville," said Metzler. "I treat all horses with the same special care whether they're million-dollar race horses or show ponies. I have a smaller goose neck trailer too for local runs."

## A LUCKY PURCHASE cont.

"My background is with hunters and jumpers, but I like all disciplines, and I ship some Arabians and van horses to shows and events and breeding farms and race tracks. After I bought Polarized, I sent her to a friend to ride and school. I buy race horses and retrain them as hunters or jumpers, so I've had experience with horses off the track. Polarized had some good days, but she just didn't seem to adapt to the routine, so I decided to breed her to Smarty Jones again. Polarized is a winner by Drosselmeyer out of a Citidancer mare named Immune to Gloom," explained Jay.

Polarize, now 10, raced at 2 and 3 at Penn National and won over \$73,000. As a 2-year-old, she broke her maiden second time out in a maiden special weight and was fourth in the \$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes. She ran 12 times and had two wins, but she was injured at 3 and retired from racing.



### SMARTY WITH HIS 2024 COLT OUT OF POLARIZED

SHARON ECKENROAD PHOTO

"Last year, Polarized had a filly by Smarty Jones. She is a full sister to Aoife's Magic, so when Aoife's Magic ran for the first time last September at Parx and won by over 10 lengths, it was exciting," said Metzler. "Aoife's Magic is trained by David Dotolo and owned by A and J Racing Stable. She was undefeated at 2, winning four races including two PA-bred stakes, the Imply Stakes and the Miss Behaviour Stakes at Parx. She's won over \$280,000."

Aoife's Magic was named 2023 Parx Horse of the Year. This year she's run three times, finishing fourth in the Busher Stakes at Aqueduct in her 3-year-old debut, followed by a third in the Beyond The Wire Stakes at Laurel Park, and a fourth in the Unique Bella Stakes at Parx.

"Aoife's trainer David Dotolo wanted to try her in open races and against tougher competition. We'll see how she does this year," said Metzler. "I sold Aoife's full sister to the same people, and Dotolo will train her too. They're great people, and David's a good horseman. He takes his time and does what's best for the horse, so that's why I sold her to them."

"She'll have the same connections and go through the same program as Aoife's Magic. I'm not just concerned with the money, I want to do what's best for the horses. There are already several people interested in the colt that was just born."

"I don't race horses, so I'll probably sell him too" said Metzler. "Pennsylvania has such a great breeder's program, I'll be happy with breeder's rewards. Owning Polarized turned into a lucky outcome for me." ■



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317	5/16/22	DKB	F	Honor A. P.	Softly Lit	Latent Heat	Blackstone Farm LLC	Parrish Farms Inc. Agent	LC Racing LLC	110,000
337	3/24/22	B	F	Bolt d'Oro	Summer's Ready	More Than Ready	Blackstone Farm LLC	De Meric Sales Agent	JDLP Holdings Inc	160,000
345	3/22/22	CH	F	More Than Ready	Sweet Promises	Bernardini	Blackstone Farm LLC	Crane Thoroughbred Services Agent	Burger Racing	180,000
354	4/8/22	CH	F	Solomini	Tease	Crowd Pleaser	EQB Inc.	Randy Miles Agent VIII	not sold	52,000
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480	3/7/22	B	C	Uncle Vinny	Boca Bloom	City Zip	PA Stallions LLC	Champions of the Future
562	4/17/22	DB/BR	F	Instilled Regard	Datts Our Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Forgotten Land Investment Inc	Empire Bloodstock LLC
647	3/15/22	B	C	Lookin At Lucky	Five Diamonds	Flatter	Arrowwood Farm	Niall Brennan Stables, Agent
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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## BEAUGAY S-G3

BAQ, \$175,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 5-11.

## WON - NEECIE MARIE

f, 4, Cross Traffic–Lode Lady, by Posse.

(\$25,000 2021 FTMOCT) O-Milam Racing Stables,  
B-Jon A. Marshall (PA), T-Robert E. Reid Jr.,  
J-Joel Rosario, \$96,250.

The latest PA-Bred to grab graded stakes glory is Milam Racing Stables' Neechie Marie, who turned in a thrilling stretch run to get up in time in the \$175,000 Beaugay Stakes-G3 on May 11 at the Belmont At the Big A meet.

Trailing far back off soft early fractions in the 1 1/16-mile turf test, the Butch Reid-trained Neechie Marie looked hopelessly beaten as the early dueling leaders turned for home. The top two were still battling it out as Neechie Marie, under Joel Rosario, was making up as many as 7 lengths down the stretch. Flying home, the 4-year-old bay filly caught the duo at the wire, winning by a neck. Final time over a turf course rated good was 1:42.80.

"I was very comfortable," said Rosario, who was riding her for the first time. "She doesn't have a lot of early speed and for a mile and a sixteenth, I thought maybe it would be a little short for her, but she was grinding it out and she kept coming. She finished really well for me.

"If you asked me if I thought we were going to win the race turning for home – maybe not – but it looked like she was getting to them and the further we go, the more she was getting to them," Rosario added. "It was perfect."

For Reid, it was his sixth on-the-board finish in 10 New York starts this year.

"I was a little concerned [about being too far back], but I could see the jock wasn't concerned – he was still taking a hold going down the backside, so he must have felt he had something under him," said Reid. "It looked like a daunting task turning for home, but this is a nice filly and I think a bigger, stronger filly than last year, too. We're looking for big things from her."

Neechie Marie had been close to scoring in graded company

before. Last fall she rallied to finish second in the Fasig-Tipton Jockey Club Oaks Invitational Stakes-G3, missing by a neck, and followed with a second in the Sands Point Stakes-G2 a half-length back. Both were run at Belmont At the Big A.

After breaking her maiden in her second career start on the main track going 6 furlongs at Parx last May, Neechie Marie has been a turf runner – the only time she faced the main track was in the off-the-turf Mrs. Revere Stakes-G3 at Churchill Downs last fall in her final start at 3, resulting in her only off-the-board finish after a four-race streak of first or seconds, three in stakes. With the win in the Beaugay, her 2024 debut, she pushed her career totals to 10-5-2-0 for earnings of \$361,950.

Purchased by Milam Racing Stables out of the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Yearling Sale for \$25,000, Neechie Marie recorded her first stakes victory in last August's \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes with an equally-dazzling rally.

Neechie Marie was bred by Jon Marshall and is a daughter of Cross Traffic out of Lode Lady, a \$150,422-earner by Posse. Marshall bred four named foals out of Lode Lady, Neechie Marie the only winner.

Reid commented after the recent win: "We'll see how she bounces out of this one. This was obviously a little under her best distance, but it was what we were looking for off the layoff and I think she'll be better on down the road." ■



CHELSEA DURAND PHOTO

# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## LICENSE FEE S,

**BAQ \$150,000, 4YO/UP, F/M, 6FT, 5-5.**

## **WON - DONTLOOKBACKATALL**

f, 4, Peace and Justice—Celtic Arch, by Arch.

(\$150,000 2022 OBSMAR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing and Titledown Racing Stables, B-A1A Racing (PA), T-Christophe Clement, J-Irad Ortiz Jr., \$82,500.

Steven Young brought the young stallion Peace and Justice to Pennsylvania to stand his first season in 2017 with high hopes. He offered breeders lots of incentives and gave his stallion plenty of support.

As Peace and Justice, a extremely fast son of War Front, was about to begin his third season at stud, Young picked out a mare at the 2018 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale to add to the stallion's book. He spent \$3,000 for Celtic Arch, a daughter of Arch. The result of that 2019 breeding is Dontlookbackatall, winner of the \$150,000 License Fee at the Belmont At the Big A meet on May 5.

Trained by Christophe Clement for West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing and Titledown Racing Stables, the dark bay blaze-faced filly broke through for her first stakes win in her 11th career start.

Dontlookbackatall has shown talent all along. After she worked a quarter-mile in :20.3 at the OBS March 2-year-old sale, tied for the second-fastest time posted at three under-tack shows, West Point Thoroughbreds bought her for \$150,000. She made her debut at Saratoga five months later and dazzled in the field of 10, rallying to win by 2 lengths at 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf. That effort set her up for her first stakes attempt, the Grade 3 Matron. She finished fourth of 11, beaten 3 1/2 lengths.

She had the same result in her third and final start of her juvenile campaign, Aqueduct's Stewart Manor Stakes in November, and was put away until the following April.

Since Dontlookbackatall's return, she hasn't been worse than second in eight starts while racing at Gulfstream, Presque Isle, Parx Racing and back in New York. She recorded her second career win in a Parx allowance last July, which was carded on the main track, but has since raced exclusively on the turf.

She has been teamed with Irad Ortiz Jr. in her four starts since last September.

Sent off the 6-5 favorite in the License Fee against four others, including stablemate Gal in a Rush, she stalked in second under a snug hold off fractions of :22.89 and :45.73. When Ortiz asked, she eagerly moved to the pacesetter, took over the lead at the top of the stretch, and cruised to the finish. The official margin of a neck is a bit deceiving as she wasn't really encouraged until the final yards when Gal in a Rush rallied. The final time for the 6 furlongs was 1:08.52.

Clement said Dontlookbackatall may be seen next in the \$200,000 Intercontinental-G2, a 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint for older fillies and mares, on the Belmont Stakes weekend at Saratoga.

Bred in the name of Young's A1A Racing, Dontlookbackatall ran her record to 11-4-5-0, for earnings of \$319,690. In her previous stakes start she was second in the 6-furlong Glen Cove in October at Belmont At the Big A.

She is one of three winners, all on the turf, from four starters for Celtic Arch, whose 2016 foal, the Declaration of War colt En Wye Cee, was third in the 2020 Knickerbocker Stakes-G2. Celtic Arch was bred to Peace and Justice four times, the only other named foal her 3-year-old son Harrison C, who is placed this year. Celtic Arch was most recently sold out of the Claiborne Farm consignment at the 2023 Keeneland November Breeding sale, in foal to War Front, for \$125,000 to Stone Farm. ■



CHELSEA DURAND PHOTO

# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## **PENN LADIES DASH S**

**PEN, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 5-31.**

### **WON - NEW HIRE**

m, 5, Lookin At Lucky – Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted.  
O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), T-Erin C. McClellan,  
J-Tyler Conner, \$29,700.

New Hire closed relentlessly and pulled away to a nearly 2-length victory in the Penn Ladies Dash Stakes on the Penn Mile card at Penn National the evening of May 31. The 5-year-old daughter of Lookin At Lucky became the first stakes winner from a long line of winners produced at Tom Coulter's Arrowwood Farm in York Springs descending from the broodmare Calldara.

New Hire has been a hard-trying model of consistency since making her debut in February 2022 as a 3-year-old at Penn National. She won her first start by 9 lengths, one of six career wins in 15 starts in which she has hit the board six other times. The dark bay finished third in her stakes debut in that year's New Start Stakes at Penn, her fourth career start, beaten just over 2 lengths.

Trainer Erin McClellan sent her out in stakes competition four more times prior to the Penn Ladies Dash, her best results being thirds in Presque Isle Downs' Malvern Rose at 3 and, after being off for more than a year from November 2022

through late December 2023, Laurel Park's Nellie Morse this past February.

Sent off the 3-5 favorite in the six-horse field for the Penn Ladies Dash, New Hire settled off the early pace under Tyler Conner, behind opening fractions of :22.28 and :45.76 set by PA-Bred Could Be a Cougar. Shifted to the outside coming around the far turn, she took aim on the early leader and Fee, who soon had taken control over a stubborn Could Be a Cougar. As Fee began to open up, New Hire kicked into gear, reeled in Fee and drew off. Final time for the 6 furlongs was 1:11.11.

The win pushed New Hire's earnings to \$192,330. She is one of two winners from three runners for her dam Gwendolyn, herself a consistent runner with four wins and six placings from a dozen starts, for earnings of \$119,976.

Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted, was in utero when Coulter purchased the stakes-winning Sultry Song mare Calldara for \$2,000 at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale. Calldara, 11 years old at the time, would produce six foals for Arrowwood Farm, three of them winners.

Gwendolyn's half-sister Honest Feelings (Yes It's True) is the dam of three winners from as many foals of racing age and was bred to Lookin At Lucky for this year. After delivering two fillies by Madefromlucky in 2022 and 2023, Gwendolyn delivered a flashy full sister to New Hire in March. ■



# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## WITH ANTICIPATION S

PEN, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/16MT, 5-31.

## WON - FIERCE AND STRONG

g, 4, Hoppertunity–Doubleclickdamouse, by Point of Entry.  
O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC, B-Ultra Championship  
Racing LLC (PA), T-Michael W. Salvaggio Jr.,  
J-Julio A. Hernandez, \$70,500.

## 2ND - CRISPER

g, 5, Tapiture–Je Suis Enchantee, by Leroidesanimaux (BRZ).  
O-Ascoli Piceno Stables, B-Ascoli Piceno Stables (PA), \$18,800.

## 3RD - A WESTERN YARN

c, 4, Eastwood–Basket Stitch, by Tiznow. (\$45,000 2021 FTMOCT)  
O-Mark B. Grier, B-Equivine Farm LLC (PA), \$10,340.

Ultra Championship Racing LLC's homebred Fierce and Strong showed his heels to his 10 rivals the entire 1 1/16 miles of the With Anticipation Stakes and cruised home to win his stakes debut by 2 3/4 lengths.

The 4-year-old bay son of former Pennsylvania sire Hoppertunity may not have had the stakes experience of many of his rivals,

but he came into the With Anticipation off consecutive victories in allowance company. He concluded his 2023 season last October with a dominating score at Presque Isle Downs going a mile and 70 yards, and returned on May 9 to win going 5 furlongs over Penn National's turf course by 2 lengths.

In his previous five starts on the turf, Fierce and Strong won four and was second once, but was overlooked in the betting at 9-1. Trained by Michael W. Salvaggio Jr., the gelding was ridden by Julio Hernandez, who has now been aboard in four of his five wins at Penn National.

With the victory, Fierce and Strong boosted his record to 17-6-3-2 and upped his earnings to \$177,686.

Ultra Championship Racing purchased the Point of Entry filly Doubleclickdamouse for \$5,500 as a yearling at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale. Descending from the talented racemare Caress, dam of Grade 1 winner and sire Sky Mesa, Doubleclickdamouse never raced and produced Fierce and Strong as her first foal. Bred to Hoppertunity four consecutive years, the mare also has a 2-year-old colt named Rar, and a yearling colt. On May 15, she delivered a colt by Uncle Lino. ■



# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## **LYPHARD S, PEN**

**\$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 5-31.**

## **WON - STERN CHASER**

m, 5, Astern (AUS)—Mysterious Ways, by Bernardini.  
O-Runnymore Racing LLC, B-Gregory and Caroline Bentley  
Breeders (PA). T-Michael R. Matz, J-Paco Lopez, \$57,600.

## **2ND - LADY OUTOF THE BLUE**

m, 5, Air Force Blue—Cubist, by Royal Academy.  
O-John A. D'Amico, B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA), \$19,200.

## **3RD - PRINCESS JAVONCIA**

m, 7, Animal Kingdom—Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss.  
(\$6,000 2018 KEESEP) O-Greyledge Thoroughbreds,  
B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA), \$10,560.

Pennsylvania-breds won four stakes on the May 31 Penn Mile card at Penn National. Three were making their stakes debuts, and kicking off the festivities was Gregory and Caroline Bentley's Runnymore Racing colorbearer Stern Chaser in the Lyphard Stakes.

From the first crop of the highly-rated Medaglia d'Oro son Astern (Aus), 5-year-old Stern Chaser was making her Penn National debut in her 10th career start. Unraced at 2,

she recorded wins at Laurel Park and Delaware Park last year, both on the turf, but had been off the board in her three starts leading up to the Lyphard Stakes while racing in New York and Florida.

The company she kept helped her odds, as the Michael Matz trainee went off the 7-2 second choice in the Lyphard's field of nine. Breaking sharply from her inside post, she eagerly went to the lead under Paco Lopez and took the field the entire 1 1/16 miles on the firm turf, holding on to win by three-quarters of a length. Her final time was 1:41.14.

The Bentleys bred Stern Chaser out of the Bernardini mare Mysterious Ways, whom they purchased for \$100,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale. The mare was in foal to Hard Spun at the time, and delivered the filly In a Spin the next April. Second in Mrs. Penny Stakes and third in the Lyphard Stakes last year, In a Spin was also in this year's Lyphard and finished fifth, a length and a half behind her year-younger half sister.

The Bentleys also campaign Mysterious Ways' 4-year-old son Cold Feet (by Frosted), who has won or placed in seven of 10 starts, including a Monmouth Park allowance win on May 19. The mare has a current 2-year-old by Uncle Mo named Hidden Motive and produced a colt by Golden Lad in 2023 before being bred back to Candy Ride (Arg). ■



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# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## FABULOUS STRIKE S

PEN, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 5-31.

## WON - GET SET

g, 7, Awesome of Course—Enthusiastic Gal, by Ecclesiastic. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable Inc. and Jagger Inc., B-Joseph Mark Imbesi (PA), T-Jamie Ness, J-Jaime Rodriguez, \$29,100.

It took awhile, but Get Set finally made his stakes debut. In his 41st start, the 7-year-old was one of eight to line up for the Fabulous Strike Stakes at Penn National the evening of May 31. Sent off the second-choice at 2-1, he rallied to win by a neck over Tudox Opportunity.

Outrun early, more than 6 lengths off quick fractions of :22.20, :45.17 and :57.81, Get Set was swung to the outside, six paths out, around the far turn and took off. Although he never switched leads the entire length of the stretch, he ate up the ground to get to the wire in 1:10.25 for the 6 furlongs.

Trainer Jamie Ness claimed the bay gelding last October at Parx for \$25,000 on behalf of Madison Avenue Racing Stable Inc. and his own Jagger Inc. The son of Awesome of Course had spent the early part of his career in allowance company – in 23 starts, mostly in Pennsylvania, during his first three years

of competition, from 2019 through 2021, he won three times. After being sent to New York, and then Florida, he found himself in claiming contests, with modest success before returning to Pennsylvania.

Ness sent the gelding out to his first win in two years last November at Parx, and he won again four starts later for a tag at Laurel on March 29, winning by nearly 9 lengths. That led into the Fabulous Strike. Recording his sixth career victory, Get Set pushed his career earnings to \$292,930, with seven seconds and seven thirds.

Bred by Joe Imbesi, Get Set is a grandson of Imbesi's marvelous broodmare Twiggles (by Maria's Mon). He is the first foal for his PA-Bred dam, Enthusiastic Gal (by Ecclesiastic), a \$192,910-earner and half-sister to 2022 PA-Bred champion Buy Land and See, a six-time stakes winner and \$578,390 earner, and stakes-winning and graded stakes-placed Sweet Bye and Bye, an earner of \$508,560. Enthusiastic Gal's half-sister On a Star is the dam of multiple stakes winner and 2022 PA-Bred champion Flor de Sombra.

Enthusiastic Gal didn't produce her second foal until 2021, a son of Social Inclusion named Time Tested who was unplaced in his only start at 2. The mare has been bred solely to Social Inclusion in the years since. ■



# PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

## RUNHAPPY S-G3

BAQ, \$175,000, 4YO/UP, 6F, 5-11.

## 2ND - NINETYPERCENTMADDIE

g, 4, Weigelia–Amblin Easy, by Private Interview.

O-LC Racing LLC, B-LC Racing LLC (PA), \$35,000.

## GOLD FEVER S

AQU, \$150,000, 3YO, 6F, 5-5.

## 2ND - MAXIMUS MERIDIUS

c, 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), \$30,000.

## JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT S

PIM, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 5FT, 5-18.

## 2ND - WITTY

g, 5, Great Notion–Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats.

O-Elizabeth M. Merryman, B-Elizabeth M. Merryman (PA),

\$20,000.

## THE VERY ONE S

PIM, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 5FT, 5-17.

## 2ND - SHOSHANAH

m, 5, Weigelia–Dancingwithdebbie, by Mizzen Mast.

O-Suanne Hallman and Kyle M. Horlacher,

B-Kyle M. Horlacher (PA), \$20,000.

## FABULOUS STRIKE S

PEN, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 5-31.

## 2ND - TUDOX OPPORTUNITY

g, 4, Hoppertunity–Distinct Sparkle, by With Distinction.

O-Tudox Farm, B-Roberta L. Schneider MD (PA), \$9,700.

## JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT S

PIM, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, 5FT, 5-18.

## 3RD - SMOOTH B

h, 9, Weigelia–Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico.

O-LC Racing, B-St. Omer's Farm and

WynOaks Farm LLC (PA), \$10,000.

## SKIPAT S

PIM, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 5-18.

## 3RD - LATE FROST

f, 4, Frosted–La La's Cookin, by Harlan's Holiday.

O-Runnymore Racing LLC, B-Gregory and

Caroline Bentley Breeders (PA), \$10,000.

## SPEEDY SMITHWICK MEMORIAL S

GRM, \$50,000, 4YO, 2 1/8M, HURDLES, 5-4.

## 3RD - LIGHTNING RIDGE

g, 4, Peace and Justice–Fareena, by Point Given.

O-KMSN Stable, B-Jodie Pointer (PA), \$5,000.

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PEN, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, 6F, 5-31..

## 3RD - NAZARENO

g, 5, Protonico–Roman Renegade, by Roman Ruler.

O-Amapola Racing Corp., B-Amapola Racing Corp. (PA),

\$5,335.

## PENN LADIES DASH S

PEN, \$50,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 6F, 5-31.

## 3RD - COULD BE A COUGAR

f, 4, Weigelia–Animalistic, by Animal Kingdom.

O-Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Daniel Micovic and

Brett Offutt, B-Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC,

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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



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**\$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES** 3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf  
**\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES** 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards  
**\$100,000 JUMP START STAKES** 3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



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



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



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



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



Monday, Dec. 30 2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:  
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2ND - NINETYPERCENTMADDIE  
3RD - UNCLE ERNIE

## \$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES

3 & up, f&m, 7 furlongs

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

PENN NATIONAL  
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  
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