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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congratulations to the Barbara Reid-bred Uncle Heavy who finished first in the Grade 3 Withers after winning the \$200,000 PA-Sired PA-Bred Wait For It Stakes. Next up could be the Grade 2 Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 6. Cross your fingers and good luck! Want to breed to a PA-Sire like Uncle Heavy? Go to 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!

Congrats to PA-Breds Aoife's Magic (bred by Mohns Hill Farm LLC) and Notice of Action (bred by Bryan Minnich) who were selected 2-year-old female and male of the year by the PTHA at their recent awards banquet. Aoife's Magic also won the prestigious PTHA Horse of the Year Award. Congratulations also go out to PA-Bred winners in five of seven PTHA categories. They are listed in our Report. PA-Breds are at the top of their game.



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

By now you should be familiar with the online registration system on our website. On July 1, 2024, we be transitioning from paper. Until July 1, 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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UNCLE HEAVY

Sparks Excitement

ON THE

TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL



BY NIKKI SHERMAN

SHOWN WINNING
THE G3 WITHERS STAKES



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There's a new colt on the Triple Crown trail and Parx Racing knows him well after his 2023 campaign at the Bensalem oval. But now the name Uncle Heavy is rippling through the nation after he thrust himself into the spotlight by scoring a nose victory in the \$250,000 Withers Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct Racetrack Feb. 3.

The Pennsylvania-Bred, Pennsylvania-Sired son of Social Inclusion is named in honor of longtime horseman Mark Reid, who was originally given the moniker "Heavy" while on the University of Maryland wrestling team.

"This was 30, 40 years ago," he said with a laugh. "I started working for 'Dickie' Dutrow – father of Rick and Anthony –

and all the grooms called me 'Heavy' too. When I came up to Pennsylvania nobody knew about it until someone from Maryland called out to me. Everyone loved it, especially my nieces. That's when it became 'Uncle Heavy'."

Reid first saw the colt's dam Expect Wonderful as a 2-year-old and immediately knew he had to get her. He purchased the daughter of Tiz Wonderful for longtime client Daniel Ryan of Smart Angle LLP and trained her throughout her career.

"I always liked her," Reid remembered. "She's a big, physical mare and once she started breezing, she really covered a lot of ground. Unfortunately she had some setbacks and just didn't get to show her true talent."

Expect Wonderful retired with four on-the-board finishes from six lifetime starts. Soon after she retired, Ryan decided he wanted to disperse all of his broodmares and focus more on his racehorses. Reid sent her through the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale under his own Walnut Green banner. She was in foal to Social Inclusion at the time.

"She wasn't bringing any bids so I bought her for my friend Michael Milam. On the drive home, I called him on the phone and said, 'Mike, I bought you your first broodmare.' He wasn't quite ready to have a broodmare so I told him that was perfectly fine. My wife and I kept her because we just couldn't afford to have her leave; she was that good."

Expect Wonderful's first foal, who was bred by Ryan's Smart Angle LLP, was named Roan Burgundy (The Factor) and eventually brought \$70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-old sale. Still racing at 4, he has three wins from 15 starts, with earnings approaching six figures.

Her second foal would be Uncle Heavy, who was actually a bit of a celebrity before he was even born. The Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association's Ashley Eisenbeil reached out to Reid about participating in a new program that was geared at attracting new horseracing fans by setting up live foaling cameras at a few local farms.

"Ashley was very persuasive," he said, chuckling. "It was definitely pretty raw to have it all out there. You never know what could happen, but luckily his foaling went smoothly."

Expect Wonderful was the last of ours to foal that year [May 2]. It worked out and I'm happy that it brought in some new fans."

When Uncle Heavy was a yearling, Reid gave Mike Milam a call again and offered to sell the colt to his friend of over 35 years at essentially the amount he had put into the horse. He also told Milam that he would recognize the dam. Milam agreed right away. Reid broke Uncle Heavy at his farm and then sent him to a friend for further training at Sharp's Farm in Middletown, Del. That's when the sparks of potential truly began to show.

"I've been in the game a long time so I've seen a lot," Reid said. "You can think you have something special and then it doesn't work out. But with Uncle Heavy, he was just like his mother: a big, physically strong horse. He had the right temperament with a nice, laid-back attitude. The question was whether he would want to beat his buddies in competition."



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UNCLE HEAVY AND CONNECTIONS IN WINNER'S CIRCLE

When it was time, Mark Reid called his brother Robert "Butch" Reid Jr., and the colt joined Butch's racing stable at Parx Racing. Mark had officially retired from training in 2022 and was confident that his brother was the man for the job.

Uncle Heavy debuted Oct. 23 in a 6-furlong open maiden special weight at Parx and made heads turn while battling the overwhelming favorite Twilight Dancer tooth-and-nail from start to finish. Uncle Heavy crossed under the wire a neck in front, while the third-place finisher was 11¾ lengths behind the duo. Afterwards, Mark received calls and text messages from dozens of people congratulating him while also jokingly jabbing at him because they knew that the horse was named after him.

The colt was the slight favorite in his second start, the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes Nov. 28, but it was an unmitigated disaster right from the start. When the gates opened he hesitated and then greenly ducked in, losing contact with the field. He did gain a lot of ground throughout the race, but his start, combined with a wide run around the turn, saw him finish fifth in the 7-furlong stakes.

His next start in the \$200,000 Wait For It Stakes for PA-Sired, PA-Breds Dec. 27 at a mile and 70 yards was a completely different scenario. Butch Reid had Uncle Heavy ready to roll for his first start around two turns. Although the colt still broke a half-second behind the others at the start, he was able to overcome the deficit and joined the pacesetters after 6 furlongs. Uncle Heavy loved the added distance, so when the time came at the top of the stretch, he found another gear and took off, capturing his first stakes by 1¼ lengths.

His 3-year-old debut in the Withers was a step up in class and he went off a slight longshot at 9-1. The favorite was Lightline, a \$600,000 Keeneland September Yearling purchase,

while the eventual second-place finisher El Grande O already boasted two stakes victories and over \$300,000 in earnings. Other horses in the field included Speed Runner, whose dam was purchased for \$1 million, and \$400,000 Keeneland September purchase Mission Beach. Uncle Heavy beat them all.



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Unexpectedly, horses from Belmont Park were locked down and not permitted onto other racetracks when a horse tested positive for EHV-1 the very same day as the Withers. While the race was at Aqueduct, one of the other horses in the race had shipped in from Belmont and had been stabled in the same barn as the ill filly. After the race, Uncle Heavy was not able to return to Parx. He is now at a nearby farm, training on the jogging machine and getting some turn-out time. This means he would miss a potential start in the Gotham-G3 March 2 at Aqueduct, but he would be able to come in fresh for the Grade 2 Wood Memorial April 6, which would work out perfectly timewise.

"It's been very exciting," Mark Reid said. "We're down to just the one mare, Expect Wonderful. She has a 2-year-old by Peace and Justice who my wife, the breeder, named Beyondexpectations. And this year she's going to open her pocketbook a little for a trip to Kentucky to visit Omaha Beach.

"Now I don't have to worry about hustling or the pressure. I've spent a lifetime in this business and if this is the way it ends then the best part of it is that I get to sit down with my wife Barbara and we can just smile about it all together." ■

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AOIFE'S MAGIC IS THE PRINCESS OF PARX

BY NIKKI SHERMAN

SHOWN WINNING
THE MISS BEHAVIOUR
STAKES AT PARX

Exactly 20 years ago, Smarty Jones captured the heart of the nation when the PA-Bred from Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing) stormed to victory in both the Kentucky Derby-G1 and Preakness Stakes-G1. Now one of his young daughters has shown the potential to carry on his legacy.

Aoife's Magic (pronounced "ee-fuh") was named by trainer David Dotolo's wife Pat when he sent her pictures of the filly after buying her at a sale in Maryland. Aoife was a Warrior Princess in Irish/Celtic mythology and its direct translation means "beautiful" or "radiant".

She is currently undefeated in four starts, with earnings of \$261,600. The leggy 3-year-old chestnut filly debuted last September 11 in a PA-Bred maiden special weight, where she led from gate to wire, crossing the finish line 10¾ lengths ahead of her nearest competitor. Dotolo felt confident enough in his filly to wheel back just 12 days later in the \$150,000 Imply Stakes. Aoife's Magic showed signs of being able to rate just off the leader before taking over by the half-mile pole and drawing off to win by 4 ¼ lengths. She returned to the races on November 15 raring to go, and battled tooth and nail for the lead throughout the open allowance before pulling away at the top of the stretch to another 4 ¼-length victory. And in the \$200,000 Miss Behaviour Stakes, which would test her endurance while

stretching out around two turns for the first time, she again dominated. Aoife's Magic sat just off the pacesetter in second, grabbed the lead after 6 furlongs and then drew off to a 3-length score.

Jockey Wilfred Vasquez has been aboard for all of her starts and loves the filly. After each victory, he gives her plenty of scratches and a small hug before turning around to enter the

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winner's circle. "She is so special to me," he said after her allowance score.

Throughout her juvenile campaign, Aoife's Magic gained followers who loved her tenacity, eye-opening explosive stretch runs, and her stunningly feminine appearance. Parx Racing's track announcer Jessica Paquette deemed her the "Princess of Parx" in the call of the filly's most recent win. She now appears on several Kentucky Oaks-G1 contender lists.

Aoife's Magic was bred by Ed Price's Mohns Hill Farm LLC. Price has been a part of her female family for several generations. He is well known in the area for his pedigree expertise, with one of his clients being Tom McClay, whose racing and breeding operations Price managed for a decade. In 2012 he found an 11-year-old Pennsylvania-bred mare named Immune to Gloom at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale for McClay's broodmare band, paying \$14,000. The multiple stakes-placed Citidancer mare was in

foal to Jump Start, who in time would become Pennsylvania's leading sire. That Jump Start foal was named Gurt Boys and earned nearly \$300,000 in the years before slot machines helped purses balloon in value.

Immune to Gloom was bred back to Belmont Stakes winner Drosselmeyer. The resulting foal was Polarized, who would eventually produce Aoife's Magic. Polarized had an excellent 2-year-old campaign, with a second-place finish in her debut behind eventual stakes winner Item, a 3½-length win in a maiden special weight, and a fourth in the \$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes. She then captured her first start at 3 in January and was competitive in allowance races that year until an injury led to her retirement from racing.

Since McClay was reducing his broodmare herd, Price gave Polarized to Danielle Marie of DM Performance Horses. Her first foal was a Peace and Justice gelding named Refund Rigler, who is still competing at Parx Racing as a 5-year-old.

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BY KY DERBY WINNER
SMARTY JONES,
NOW FOUR WINS
IN FOUR STARTS



Her second foal by Winchill unfortunately had a training accident and did not make it to the races.

"I helped her with the matings of Polarized's first two foals and sold them privately for Danielle as yearlings," said Price. "They were very impressive individuals! Danielle decided to cut back on the number of mares she was breeding so I purchased Polarized."

When it was time to breed Polarized for himself, Price went back into Pennsylvania history, choosing Smarty Jones. "The cross with Smarty Jones has distant inbreeding to Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer. Smarty Jones had already sired a stakes winner out of a Forty Niner mare and a few stakes-placed runners out of End Sweep [Forty Niner] daughters." Polarized's sire Drosselmeyer is a grandson of Forty Niner, so it was a no-brainer. Aoife's Magic was born on May 5, 2021. The cross has been so successful that she has a yearling full sister (born last April) and Polarized is carrying another full sibling.

"As a foal, Aoife's Magic was well-balanced, correct and athletic, with a great attitude," Price remembered. "She had an uneventful raising. I never think about their future potential. My theory is, if you try to do everything the right way by feeding them well, giving plenty of turnout, having a great blacksmith, and teaching them the basics that help with a good 'mind education' to prevent unnecessary injuries, then their given talent will show up...whatever that may be." Aoife's Magic went through the Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall Yearling Sale in October 2022. Eventual trainer David Dotolo liked her from the moment he spotted her and suggested that his owner Art Hetherington of A & J Racing Stable bid on her. They successfully purchased her for \$16,000.

"I liked how she looked and her long legs," Dotolo said. "She was also PA-Bred and PA-Sired."

Having both of those attributes made Aoife's Magic eligible for a brand new stakes series that was unveiled in 2022 by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA). Both the Imply Stakes and Miss Behaviour Stakes are restricted to PA-Bred, PA-Sired fillies. With those two victories, she won the 2023 series and earned Dotolo a trainer's bonus of \$25,000. The PA-Bred, PA-Sired Series is open to both males and females, and Aoife's Magic beat both genders in the standings. This is just the newest of the incentives for breeding in Pennsylvania.

"I have been a big proponent of the Pennsylvania breeding program since the slots-fueled program began," said Price. "Brian Sanfratello and the PHBA Board do a tremendous job running the program, assuring that it stays intact and tweaking it when necessary. I have told anyone and everyone who would listen, since the beginning, that it is the best breeders program in the country and continues to be today!"

Aoife's Magic is now preparing for her sophomore debut, the \$200,000 Busher Invitational at Aqueduct on March 2. Her connections hope to earn points for the Kentucky Oaks.

"We have to give her a chance [in the Busher]," Dotolo said. "People say her races are slow or the competition wasn't much. That doesn't bother me at all. We'll see if she's good enough out there on the track."

"She's a doll; a dream to train. She's a little feisty in the shedrow but as soon as she goes in the stall she's a baby. Nothing bothers her. And she's a peppermint witch. She loved carrots but now she just wants mints!" ■

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CALENDAR**

- ✓ Membership Dues due **March 31st**
- ✓ \$500 Stallion Series Noms until **April 30th**
- ✓ Iroquois Awards Banquet & Smarty Jones 20th Anniversary Derby Celebration 5:30pm **May 10th**
- ✓ Annual Meeting 4:00pm **May 22nd**
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Hip	YOB	Color	Sex	Name	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Covering Sire	Breeder	Consignor	Purchaser	Price
19	2023	CH	C		Raging Bull (FR)	Fiduciary Values	First Samurai		Forgotten Land Investment Inc	Taylor Made Sales Agency	Thorobiz	15,000
141	2023	B	C		Good Magic	Moonlight Serenade	Malibu Moon		Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency	Castleton Way/Hard Five	270,000
152	2023	B	F		Mo Town	Nebo	Freud		Joan A. Wilson	Vinery Sales Agent	Jamie Ness	21,000
164	2010	B	M	One Smart Philly	Smarty Jones	Philly Gal	Doneraile Court	Goldencents	Main Line Racing Stable	Milestone Farm	not sold	12,000
258	2023	B	C		Yaupon	Sweet Promises	Bernardini		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency	Gina Fennell	90,000
378	2023	B	C		Independence Hall	Channel Princess	English Channel		Blackstone Farm LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency	Lantern Hill Farm LLC	17,000
403	2018	CH	M	Dialed Me Perfect	Dialed In	La Grey Zuliana	Borrego	Kantharos	Eduardo Rojas & Ken Faust	Vinery Sales Agent	not sold	10,000
410	2023	GRR	F		Frosted	Dixie Serenade	Uptowncharlybrown		Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Taylor Made Sales Agency	Pope and Young	17,000
439	2017	B	M	Congrats Answer	Congrats	Empires Answer	Empire Maker	Improbable	Cavanaugh Breen LLC	Stuart Morris Agent VII	Buckingham Bloodstock	14,000

MARCH OBS TWO-YEAR-OLD IN TRAINING — MARCH 12-14

Hip	YOB	Color	Sex	Name	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Consignor
231	2022	B	C	Quittin' Time	Lookin At Lucky	Five Diamonds	Flatter	Arrowwood Farm	Niall Brennan Stables, Agent
396	2022	GR/RO	C	Cultivate	Practical Joke	Life's a Gamble	Malibu Moon	Forgotten Land Investment Inc.	de Meric Sales, Agent
470	2022	DB/BR	F	Not the First Time	Not This Time	Moonlight Serenade	Malibu Moon	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Tom McCrocklin, Agent
650	2022	B	C		City of Light	Shabby Chic	Union Rags	Whysper Wynd Farm LLC	de Meric Sales, Agent
773	2022	DB/BR	F		More Than Ready	Trace of Grace	Petionville	WMT Stables Inc.	RiceHorse Stable (Brandon & Ali Rice)
843	2022	B	C		Street Magician	Who's in Love	Not For Love	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	Top Line Sales LLC, Agent



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Leading Stallions 2023	
Sire	Stallion Awards
Uptowncharlybrown	\$236,389
Weigelia	\$199,145
Warrior's Reward	\$161,368
Jump Start	\$141,735
Social Inclusion	\$133,512

Leading Breeder 2023	
Name	Breeder Awards
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	\$632,476*
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
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	\$868,865*
Warriors Reward	\$676,707
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$492,485
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$450,665
Northview StallionStation Inc	\$420,396
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By the Numbers: 2023

Leading PA-Bred earners

- 1) Angel of Empire, \$1,446,375
- 2) Caravel, \$652,175
- 3) Nimitz Class, \$482,600
- 4) Twisted Ride, \$336,990
- 5) Roses for Debra, \$320,650

Number of PA-Bred stakes winners

Total 48

- 11 - 2-year-olds
- 14 - 3-year-olds
- 11 - 4-year-olds
- 12 - 5 and up

Number of PA-Bred graded stakes winners—3

ANGEL OF EMPIRE—

- \$1,250,000 Arkansas Derby-G1
- \$400,000 Risen Star S-G2

CARAVEL—

- \$400,000 Jaipur S-G1
- \$300,000 Shakertown S-G2

ROSES FOR DEBRA—

- \$200,000 Caress S-G3

Top runners in 2023 by lifetime earnings

- 1) Caravel, \$1,983,327
- 2) Angel of Empire, \$1,489,375
- 3) Ruby Bleu, \$938,914
- 4) Morning Matcha, \$899,740
- 5) Beren, \$897,970

Leading breeders of PA-Bred stakes winners

Blackstone Farm LLC (3): Mia Tosca, Nice Ace, Roses for Debra

Michael Anspach (2): Breezy Gust, One More Scoop

Arrowwood Farm Inc. (2): Maldives Model, Nimitz Class

Joe Imbesi (2): Buy Land and See, Gordian Knot

Elizabeth M. Merryman (2): Caravel, Witty

St. Omers Farm (2): Disco Ebo, Fore Harp

Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and (in partnership)

Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond

Equine Corp. (2): Angel of Empire, Movisitor

Leading PA sires*

- 1) Warrior's Reward, \$3,272,275
- 2) Cloud Computing, \$2,947,655
- 3) Uptowncharlybrown, \$2,812,228
- 4) Weigelia, \$2,723,586
- 5) Wicked Strong, \$2,488,414

Leading PA sires by number of stakes winners

Cloud Computing - 5

Weigelia - 4

Peace and Justice - 2

Smarty Jones - 2

Warrior's Reward - 2

Leading PA sires of 2-year-olds

- 1) Cloud Computing, \$594,271
- 2) Peace and Justice, \$284,080
- 3) Warrior's Reward, \$283,689
- 4) Smarty Jones, \$263,160
- 5) Weigelia, \$225,599

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS

WITHERS S-G3

AQU, \$250,000, 3YO, 11/8M, 2-3.

WON - UNCLE HEAVY

c, 3, Social Inclusion—Expect Wonderful, by Tiz Wonderful.
O-Milam Racing Stables, B-Barbara Reid (PA),
T-Robert E. Reid Jr., J-Mychel J. Sanchez, \$137,500.

Every barn with a 3-year-old has dreams of a classic contender. The Butch Reid barn has an extremely promising candidate with Uncle Heavy, winner of the Grade 3 Withers Stakes on Feb. 3, an early step on Aqueduct's road to the Kentucky Derby, worth 20 points to a potential Derby starter.

Owned by Mike Milam's Milam Racing Stables and bred by Butch Reid's sister-in-law Barbara Reid, Uncle Heavy was making his first start of the year in the Withers. It had been just over five weeks since the bay colt nailed his first stakes victory in the \$200,000-guaranteed Wait For It on Dec. 27 at Parx, his first trip around two turns.

In the Wait For It, Uncle Heavy got off a bit slow and rallied from the outside to get up for the victory going a mile and 70 yards. That effort didn't elicit strong support for the winner of two of three starts in his first trip to New York, as he went off as the 9-1 fifth choice in the field of nine.

With regular rider Mychel Sanchez aboard, Uncle Heavy raced wide midpack over a muddy, sealed track, lost a bit of ground as the early leaders opened up to reach six furlongs in a dawdling 1:14.44, and was urged to join the fray, without much success, as they rounded the far turn. The order wasn't changing as leader El Grande O reached midstretch with a daylight lead. Then Uncle Heavy shifted gears. Turning in a relentless drive, his long strides gobbled up the ground on the free-running leader. It took every step of the 1 1/8 miles for his nose to hit the front on the wire. The final time was 1:53.79.

"I thought the whole way around I was going to have a lot of horse to finish up," Sanchez said immediately after the race. "Usually, I'm a little far back but I was closer to them the whole way around. I was tracking them and just had to wait and hope he would finish like he always did. It seems like at

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PA-BRED STAKES RECAPS (CONT.)

the three-eighths, when they sprint from him, they got away from him a little bit. He's a big horse, he doesn't have that quick reaction. Once he got fully going, he made up all the ground and made it look easy."

Reid added: "He looked like he was just hitting his best stride about 50 yards from the wire. He really started stretching out nice."

"I have always felt all along with this horse, the further the better. He certainly proved that today. A mile and an eighth was obviously well within his grasp. He actually missed one of his breezes, and a few days of galloping due to the inclement weather, so for him to go ahead and do that is quite a testament to the horse's staying ability."

A member of the second of three PA-sired crops of former Diamond B Farm stallion Social Inclusion, who now stands in Florida, Uncle Heavy is the second foal for the Tiz Wonderful mare Expect Wonderful, who was purchased with the stakes winner in utero for \$1,700 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale in 2020. Her first foal, Roan Burgundy (by The Factor and bred in Pennsylvania by Smart Angle LLP), has three wins, the most recent in January at Laurel, with earnings of \$89,210. The mare also has a 2022 May 15 colt by Peace and Justice named Beyondexpectations. She was bred the past two years to Weigelia.

Uncle Heavy, who didn't make his first start until late October, is a "big, strong colt with a big, long stride," Reid said last December. With his birthday on May 2, he'll officially be 3 years old two days before this year's Derby.

Uncle Heavy is one of two PA-Bred early Triple Crown nominees, the other also found in the Reid barn. Maximus Meridius, a son of Maximus Mischief bred by Westerly Farm and owned by LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Wellesley Stable, is a winner of two of three career starts, including his 3-year-old debut in a Parx allowance on Jan. 30. ■

NELLIE MORSE S

LRL, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 1 1/16M, 2-17.

3RD - NEW HIRE

m, 5, Lookin At Lucky – Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted.
O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm (PA), \$10,000.

HARRY HENSON H

SUN, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1M, 2-18.

3RD - LOANA

f, 4, Neolithic – Sarahline, by Northern Afleet.
O-Masino Racing Stable and Bruce Maller,
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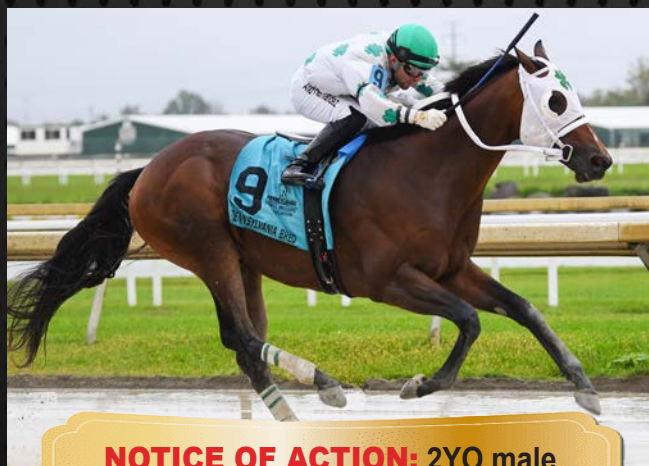
GORDIAN KNOT: 3YO male
Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imbesi



MORNING MATCHA: Older Mare
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	Friday, May 31	\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES \$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf
	Monday, June 24	\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES \$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf 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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	Saturday, Sept. 21	\$100,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP \$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES	3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
		2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS: \$100,000 WHISTLE PIG STAKES \$100,000 MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES	2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs
	Monday, Oct. 14	\$100,000 FINEST CITY STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Monday, Oct. 21	\$100,000 MARK McDERMOTT STAKES	2YO, 6 furlongs
	Wednesday, Nov. 20	\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Wednesday, Nov. 27	\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
	Monday, Dec. 30	2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS: \$100,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES \$100,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES	2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



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#1

The Maiden Breeder Award of 50%/25% for PA-Sired and Non-PA-Sired Horses will revert to 40%/20%. The Additional amount was added to help recoup out of pocket costs and was continued through COVID to the present. Now that almost everything is back to normal, this award will return to its regular amount.

#2

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

#3

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



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