

PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:**
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**
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Kappa Kappa graduates to graded stakes winner

Three-year-old filly wins Grade 2 Lexus Raven Run in fourth career start

By Lianne Crossley

When trainer Butch Reid and his clients make their shopping list for Thoroughbred auctions, they strategically consider every Pennsylvania-bred. In combing the grounds at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale in Timonium, Md., one of Reid's stops was number 406. It was love at first sight for Reid recalling seeing Kappa Kappa for the first time. Two years later, he joined her in the Keeneland winner's circle after her gallant victory in the Lexus Raven Run Stakes-G2 Oct. 18.

"She was my number one horse in the sale," he said. "She had the size, the correctness, the attitude. She checked all the boxes."

Her \$65,000 price tag turned out to be a bargain as she thus far has banked \$278,375 while winning three of four career starts for Reid's Wellesley Stable, LC Racing and Cash is King. She previously raced at Reid's year-round Parx base where she won her debut by 9¾ lengths on July 24. She rebounded from a runner-up effort in allowance company to score by 6 lengths in a state-bred allowance test Sept. 19.

Bettors reacted to her big class leap to the Raven Run by making her the second longest price in the 10-filly field at 27-1, but her team had good reason to enter.

"It had a little bit to do with the numbers," Reid said. "We like the Ragozin Sheets and the Beyer Speed Figures and her numbers were as good as any in the country. Plus, we were running out of chances to race against straight 3-year-olds. We decided to go ahead and take a chance."

From an outside post, the daughter of Omaha Beach matched strides with the leaders early before dueling with fellow longshot Vodka With a Twist in midstretch. The pair were on near-even terms until Kappa Kappa regained command to grab victory by a head in the



Matt Woolley

closing strides. Her time for the 7 furlongs was 1:23.90 with Hall of Famer John Velazquez in the saddle.

"She'd been beating up on horses pretty easily up in Philly, so she certainly showed some gameness today like we hoped she would," Reid said in the post-race interview.

Glenn Bennett of co-owner LC Racing also was in attendance.

"I was dying [watching the stretch battle], but the way she fought back, it was awesome," he said. "I couldn't be more excited. She's just a great filly. It's unbelievable [to win at Keeneland]. It's the first time I've been here and the first time I've raced a horse here."

Kappa Kappa's name is a nod to her Pennsylvania connections. She is named after Bennett's daughter's Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Villanova University. Kappa Kappa is among about 100 horses in Bennett's portfolio of large and small partnerships.

"I try to have as many horses as possible," he said. "For me it is the same rush whether I have 30 percent or 100 percent. It is about the action. Plus, it's no fun rooting by yourself. We literally always look at all the Pennsylvania-breds in the sales. It's a big thing. I like to go to the races at Parx when possible. The PA program has been great with the bonuses they have."

Chuck Zacney of Cash is King was not in attendance, but his name is recognizable as owner of Afleet Alex, the 2005 Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old colt and winner of the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. He shares ownership of about 20 horses with Bennett.

"Alex and the big stage was special but several years later, I realized it's not easy getting back to the big stage," he said. "Winning at Keeneland in a prestigious Grade 2 race is always nice. Lots of history there. We now know we have a special horse. Johnny V gave an excellent ride. Making her switch leads in deep stretch was a difference maker. One of the many reasons he's a Hall of Famer."

KAPPA KAPPA'S EARLY DAYS

Kappa Kappa was bred in the name of the Stone Jug Ranch of Darryl and Jill Myers. She was born and raised at the acreage in the Blue Ridge Mountain foothills in Dillsburg, about 20 miles south of Harrisburg. The land was once known for producing Scottish Highland show cattle before the herd was downsized. Named for the road on which it sits, Stone Jug Ranch had been in the same family for generations before being purchased in 2017 by the Myerses. The Myerses had drifted away from Thoroughbred racing while raising cattle but later circled back to raising racehorses. Earlier this year, they welcomed the impeccably-bred Tapit stallion Tyson — a Canadian champion and Grade 2 winner — to their roster.

Kappa Kappa was fast from the beginning according to Daryl Myers.

"There were three foals that year — a Goldencents colt, an Omaha Beach filly and a Dialed

In filly," he said. "The Omaha Beach baby was born 15 days early. She was not an easy foal. Had lots of energy when she was young. She was very fast running in the fields. Always wanted to be in the front."

Eventually she was sent to the Keeneland September Yearling Sale where she was offered on the ninth day of the 12-day auction. She left the ring unsold after failing to reach her reserve on a final bid of \$55,000. A month later, Reid saw what others missed when he had the winning bid at the aforementioned Fasig-Tipton sale.

As Kappa Kappa developed her talent, Reid was mindful to not rush her to the races.

"Early on in her training she had some issues," he said. "She was a big, growthy filly. We really wanted to take our time with her. I am fortunate to have owners like Chuck and Glenn who let me take all the time I need with the horses. We didn't get to do too much with her as a 2-year-old. She always looked good and trained well. She had all the regular 2-year-old setbacks, but it worked out because we didn't push on her. Our patience is paying off in the long run."

The Myerses watched her capture the Keeneland stakes from afar.

"I had a good feeling she would do very well after seeing her run at Parx," Darryl Myers said. "I was planning to go to the race but wasn't sure she was going to get in off the also-eligible list and we didn't find out until the last minute."

Although they do not receive state-bred breeder bonuses for out-of-state earnings, the Myerses clearly gained bragging rights and could capitalize in the future via Kappa Kappa's younger

sister. Both were produced by the Pioneer of the Nile mare Pharoah's Princess, a one-time winner and half-sister to Grade 2-winning millionaire Pat On the Back. The mare had no foals in 2023 and 2024 and produced a Pennsylvania-bred Tiz the Law filly in March for Stone Jug Ranch.

"Unfortunately, Pharoah's Princess died this year unexpectedly from colic when she had the Tiz the Law by her side at two months old," Myers said. "She was the sweetest mare and she was in foal to Tyson. We had to get the filly a nurse mare immediately."

The youngster carries big dreams for Stone Jug Farm.

"She is growing up to be a very nice filly," Myers said. "We may sell her for the right price or just race her."

KAPPA KAPPA

Omaha Beach—Pharoah's Princess, by Pioneer of the Nile
Race record: 4-3-1-0; \$278,375
Won: Lexus Raven Run Stakes-G2; allowance and maiden special weight at Parx; 2nd: allowance race at Parx
Born: April 29, 2022 at Stone Jug Ranch
Breeder: Stone Jug Ranch
Owners: LC Racing (Glenn Bennett), Cash is King (Chuck Zacney), Wellesley Stable (Butch Reid)
Trainer: Butch Reid
Sales history: \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale; \$55,000 RNA Keeneland September Yearling Sale

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations to the winners of our 3&up PA-Sired PA-Bred Stakes run at PARX Oct. 22. The Disco Chick was won by Nature's Candy, bred by Y. Kolybabiuk. A great story goes along with this win as the breeders, Jerry Kolybabiuk and his wife Maria, actually bred and raced Disco Chick. They were so excited after the win as this race really meant a lot to them! The Jump Start Stakes was won by the Elizabeth Houghton-bred 3yo Silhouette Cove, trained by her son Bernie. Both breeders will receive about \$18,000 in breeder awards as PA-Sired PA-Breds receive 40% in awards.

The 2024-2025 PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series concluded on PA Day at the Races. The breeders of the top three point-earners over the six-stakes series split \$50,000 in bonuses! Congratulations to the winner Honorable Win (by

Winchill), who earned \$25,000 for her breeder Pewter Stable. Carousel Queen (Uptowncharlybrown) was second in total points and earned \$15,000 for her breeder Dennis Johnson. The third-place prize of \$10,000 was split between Reelin N Dealin (Pat On the Back), bred by Barbara Rickline and Gabe Rispo, and The Boy's Warrior (Warrior's Reward), bred by Warrior's Reward LLC, who ended with the same point total. The Breeder Bonuses were presented in the winner's circle between the two PA-Sired Stakes Oct. 22. Congrats to all.

I'm happy to announce that there will be no registration fee for the PA-Sired PA-Bred Series which begins Dec. 30, 2025, at PARX with two 2YO \$75,000 stakes at 6 furlongs. Don't miss out. If your 2YO is a PA-Sired PA-Bred, you will be automatically registered and eligible to run. Don't forget about

our 2yo PA-Bred Nursery and 2yo filly Shamrock Rose Stakes that will be run at PARX on Nov. 26.

Congratulations also go out to the 17 breeders who surpassed the \$100,000 mark in total awards through September! Our leaders, Warriors Reward and Uptowncharlybrown Stud, are fighting it out again this year. Warriors Reward is currently leading with \$671,455. Wow! Will they be the first breeder to hit the \$1 million mark? We have 303 breeders that have received an award in 2025. If you want to become part of our program or just want more information, give me a call at 610 444 1050. Good Luck for the balance of 2025 and remember, PA is the only place to Breed & Race!!



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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through September 30, 2025

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	516,769	154,687	671,456	Pewter Stable	107,919	30,763	138,682
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	350,493	154,765	505,258	Peter Giangiulio	118,585	0	118,585
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	119,551	141,602	261,153	Sylmar Farm Inc.	118,393	0	118,393
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	223,967	223,967	Joseph Imbesi	105,879	0	105,879
Blackstone Farm LLC	201,549	0	201,549	Kathleen Brady	105,213	0	105,213
Arrowwood Farm Inc	160,379	0	160,379	Godstone Farm LLC	102,098	0	102,098
Glenn E. Brok LLC	97,780	53,400	151,180	Richard N. Miller	82,988	17,725	100,712
Steven W. Young Racing LLC				W M T Stables Inc.	94,699	0	94,699
dba A1A Racing	95,449	49,471	144,920	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	92,503	0	92,503
Equivine Farm LLC	140,717	0	140,717	St. Omer's Farm	90,862	0	90,862

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total
Uptowncharlybrown	339	\$154,764.55	Well Spelled	63	\$28,736.65
Warrior's Reward	353	154,687.25	Eastwood	57	27,739.55
Weigelia	234	136,019.85	Medallist	33	26,926.15
Hoppertunity	228	92,467.25	Pat On the Back	32	18,289.65
Social Inclusion	124	74,648.35	Red Vine	34	18,167.30
Uncle Lino	106	62,326.25	Emperor Tiberius	29	15,304.05
Peace and Justice	114	49,470.85	Boisterous	76	15,086.40
Rowayton	59	43,404.60	Il Villano	37	14,868.35
Jump Start	98	37,928.80	Golddigger's Boy	47	13,361.60
Winchill	135	30,762.60	Flashback	28	12,895.00

LEADING HORSES

Fund money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Pa Bred Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
PACHELBEL*	Hoppertunity - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	13	0	86,503	21,626	50,588	158,717
COME PRIMA*	Well Spelled - My Sonata	Godstone Farm LLC	10	60,000	65,807	16,452	12,578	154,836
HOUGHTON SHUFFLE*	Medallist - Runs Like L	Melissa Houghton	6	64,680	50,240	12,560	16,000	143,480
SON OF THOR*	Rowayton - Charlybrown's Rose	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	6	0	62,048	15,512	44,320	121,880
HARP'S HOT CORNER*	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	8	1,000	66,792	16,698	32,160	116,650
CANDY REWARD*	Warrior's Reward - Unimagineable	Warriors Reward	5	44,100	50,160	12,540	7,500	114,300
NINETYPERCENTMADDIE*	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	5	68,600	34,188	8,547	2,420	113,755
BIG BOYS ANSWER*	Uptowncharlybrown - Empires Answer	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	7	0	59,315	14,829	35,168	109,312
CAROUSEL QUEEN*	Uptowncharlybrown - La Padrina	Dennis Johnson	9	59,400	39,840	9,960	0	109,200
CARMELINA	Maximus Mischief - Complete St.	Lilith E. Boucher	4	59,400	29,520	0	13,200	102,120
JUMP A FOX*	Jump Start - Foxy A. G.	Peter Giangiulio	14	0	49,215	12,304	32,399	93,918
FAR MO POWER*	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	7	0	49,616	12,404	31,240	93,260
NINJA PRIZE*	Warrior's Reward - Lemon Strudel	Kathleen Brady	9	0	44,240	11,060	31,600	86,900
SOCIALLY AWKWARD*	Social Inclusion - Bluegrass Smile	Blackstone Farm LLC	8	0	48,348	12,087	19,380	79,815
OHIO JOE	Jimmy Creed - Little B Rosson	Howard C. Schaeffer Jr.	8	44,100	19,824	0	15,720	79,644
COMMINGLING*	Social Inclusion - Rhyme N Rhythm	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	11	0	45,588	11,397	19,170	76,155
DROPLINE*	Uncle Lino - Sour Lemon Drop	Kathleen Brady	6	9,800	40,832	10,208	12,480	73,320
WILD VINE*	Red Vine - Praslin	Bobby R. Rankin Jr. Estate	3	19,600	29,708	7,427	15,620	72,355
HE'S A MESS	Dramedy - Nightfury	Linda Martinez	6	45,000	18,050	0	7,350	70,400
NATURE'S CANDY*	Uncle Lino - Easter Blossom	Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk	6	2,183	41,672	10,418	14,980	69,253

*Denotes PA-sired