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Foxy Junior proves last chances are possible

By Nikki Sherman

Sometimes it's the last chance to find success that offers the best opportunity. This is true in the case with Dianne Stern's homebred filly Foxy Junior, whose family has been with Stern for three generations.

"I claimed her grandmother Hanalei Bay for \$7,500 (in December 2005)," said Stern. "She went on to be stakes placed, with earnings just over \$200,000. She produced all winners."

In 2010, Stern sent Hanalei Bay to Flatter, which produced Foxy Drummer. This filly showed mild talent in capturing three races, including a maiden special weight at Charles Town in West Virginia. Foxy Drummer went out with a win, although it was not the plan to end there. Unfortunately she bowed a tendon and was retired to become a broodmare.

Stern remembered: "Other than Foxy Junior, her babies never made it as racehorses. I had planned on giving Foxy Drummer away. When I was offered a free breeding to Cuba I gladly accepted it. I intended to keep the baby, who I was sure would be my last racehorse.

"The person getting (Foxy Drummer) as a pleasure horse lived in Pennsylvania. Thus, the baby was born there and registered as a PA-Bred. I liked the bonus system for PA-Breds, so I was happy with the arrangement."



Foxy Junior was born on May 9, 2020. Her sire was the underused warhorse Cuba, a son of the legendary Not For Love. Cuba won 14 of 59 career starts and was a multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed while garnering career earnings of \$792,694. Stern noted that from the beginning, Foxy Junior looked like a racehorse just like her mother, who had the build of a Quarter Horse. They even had the same facial markings.

As a juvenile, Foxy Junior's fourth start was the charm. On Dec. 21, 2022, going 6 furlongs at Penn National, Foxy Junior got her first victory by three-quarters of a length in her final race of the year. It is difficult to win as a 2-year-old, let alone in a maiden special weight, so it was a great day for her

connections: Stern, trainer Bernie Houghton and jockey Maicol Inirio.

Foxy Junior had earned a winter freshening and returned to the races the following May. The now-sophomore filly was also ready for longer races. She snagged two straight allowance scores in June and July at Penn National, earning a spot in a local stakes race with interesting conditions.

The \$50,000 Fort Indiantown Gap Stakes was open to any filly or mare with a 2023 start at Penn National who had not won a stakes that year. Originally scheduled for the turf, the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile event was contested on the dirt and featured several future stakes winners. Foxy Junior was one of that group, but it wasn't yet time for her to become a stakes winner. The top three runners ran 1-2-3 throughout the entire route, with Foxy Junior pressing Perfect Hideaway and Wings of a Song. The trio were just heads apart at the top of the stretch, with the battle continuing. In the end it was just 1 length separating the winner from Foxy Junior in third.

In her eight starts as a 3-year-old, Foxy Junior never finished out of the

money. A third victory eluded her after the stakes race and, by December, she was ready for her annual winter vacation. Foxy Junior came back in May this year at the top of her game.

"She won twice as a 3-year-old," Stern said. "Given time off, she's really blossomed as a 4-year-old. Foxy was a May foal, so I think that is why she is so much better (in 2024). The time off and limited races helped too."

Winning as a juvenile and then at 3 is hard, but Foxy Junior's 4-year-old campaign was the most impressive. Paired up with new rider Jomar Torres, it was nearly perfect. The duo won six of seven starts, culminating in three straight stakes scores.

Their lone loss was a fourth-place finish in the \$100,000 Princess of Sylmar Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in July. It was still a quality race for her resume, as Foxy Junior traveled the farthest of all the competitors since she was stuck four-wide around the far turn. And those competitors were no joke: stakes winners New Hire, Rosie's Alibi and Stern Chaser. It was also over a different surface, the all-weather track.

Prior to the trip north to Erie, Foxy Junior rolled to three straight allowance/optional claiming victories at Penn National. In her 2024 debut, she snuck under the radar and nabbed the optional claimer for a \$25,000 tag, absolutely demolishing her competition by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. After that performance, claiming races were out of the question. She scored those two additional allowance victories in May and July.

Foxy Junior returned to the winner's circle on Pennsylvania Derby Day at Parx Racing in the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes, beating five other PA-Bred fillies and mares by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. One of those she defeated was now-millionaire Morning Matcha.

Based on that performance, Stern and Houghton decided to give the \$100,000 Maryland Million Distaff at Laurel Park a shot. It was a race that had been on their radar, but they did not want to embarrass themselves. Such an emphatic win in the Plum Pretty Stakes convinced them to "go for it" in Stern's home state.

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A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congrats to the Gregory and Caroline Bentley-bred 2yo filly Caprice, who won the \$100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Stakes on Dec. 7. That makes her 5-for-6 lifetime, four of which were stakes! Wow!

Our \$100,000 2yo features of 2024 were run on Nov. 27. Congrats to the Brian Scharzbred Crab Daddy, who came up the rail to victory in the Pennsylvania Nursery at PARX, and J. Patrick Morell and Tanya Lobsiger-bred Icona Mama, who pretty much had her way in the Shamrock Rose Stakes at Penn National, running away by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

The next races in the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series were scheduled to run Dec. 30 at PARX. This was the second leg of the series.

The third and last leg of the series will be run in 2025 at \$100,000 for 3yos and 3yo fillies. A \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series will be paid at that time – \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.

Please take a look at the 2025 Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory. We have eight new stallions along with our regular PA-Sires. You can view the directory online at pabred.com. A hard copy of the directory will be sent to breeders by the end of December. Pick out your next Derby winner!

Domicile forms are mandatory and should have already been completed by Dec. 1 or when you mare comes into the state if breeding

back to a PA stallion or within 14 days of a public sale. If you are still using paper registrations, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form. We will be transitioning to paperless in 2025. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have.

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



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ALEJANDRO

Curlin – Rachel's Valentina, by Bernardini
Mountain Springs Farm

IMPOSING

Gun Runner – Untapable, by Tapit
Cabin Creek Gettysburg

BEREN

Weigelia – Silmaril by Diamond
WynOaks Farm

MAGIC SPOON

Good Magic – Canadian Mistress, by Canadian Frontier
Cabin Creek Gettysburg

CURLIN'S WISDOM

Curlin – Whisper Wisdom
Cabin Creek Gettysburg

TYSON

Tapit – Honouring, by Smart Strike
Stone Jug Ranch

ENTICED

Medaglia D'Oro – It's Tricky, by Mineshaft
Mountain Springs Farm

ZOZOS

Munnings – Papa's Forest, by Forestry
Equistar Training and Breeding



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Beforehand, Houghton explained the decision. “We gave her time off in the wintertime like we usually do and for some reason she just came back so good. It all just came together for her this year. She won those allowance races back-to-back and every day she just seemed to get better and better. She’s sharp and ready to go.”

The race was a cut back to 7 furlongs, which was a bit of a concern for Houghton. It didn’t matter: Foxy Junior was sharp indeed, settling just off the pace, yet again overcoming a wide trip, and driving past the

first and second choices to score by three-quarters of a length. To many onlookers, the Maryland Million Distaff was the most impressive race of the day.

The \$100,000 Thirty Eight Go Go Stakes at Laurel Park on Nov. 9 was the finale to her nearly perfect season. Foxy Junior finally got a good trip and was able to sit in a perfect second-place position before making her move around the turn. She drew off under Jomar Torres to win by 2¾ lengths.

And with that, her 4-year-old season

came to a close. Foxy Junior has earned a much-needed rest at the Houghtons’ Sylmar Farm for the winter. Plans are for the mare to begin training again in February for her 2025 campaign. It will be hard to do better than this year, but she has eclipsed so many obstacles that anything is possible.

Stern is glad she kept that last foal out of Foxy Drummer. If Foxy Junior truly is her last racehorse, she will be going out with a bang. In the meantime, “I am enjoying the thrill ride!”

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through October 31, 2024

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	621,651	167,874	789,525	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	84,076	148,509	232,585
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	413,563	187,073	600,636	Pewter Stable	166,656	46,051	212,707
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	266,882	91,497	358,379	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	171,600	0	171,600
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	329,166	329,166	Joseph Imbesi	164,607	0	164,607
Blackstone Farm LLC	291,146	0	291,146	St. Omer's Farm	157,002	0	157,002
Glenn E. Brok LLC	213,090	63,222	276,311	Sylmar Farm Inc.	145,091	0	145,091

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	432	187,073	Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	183	91,497
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	395	167,874	Winchill	Pewter Stable	121	46,051
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	275	144,529	Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	169	42,580
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	327	132,815	Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	56	36,189
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	245	116,883	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	104	36,097
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	175	100,105	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	71	27,846

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments. *Denotes PA-sired

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
The Boy's Warrior *	Warrior's Reward - Inciarte	Warriors Reward	3	118,800	56,880	14,220	5,400	195,300
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	4	60,000	84,000	21,000	0	165,000
Fierce and Strong *	Hoppertunity - Doubleclickdamouse	Ultra Championship Racing LLC	6	81,020	50,068	12,517	10,570	154,175
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	3	119,880	22,800	0	0	142,680
Traders Luck *	Weigelia - Deanies Dancer	Sylmar Farm Inc.	8	20,000	56,376	14,094	30,840	121,310
Capo *	Peace and Justice - Seven Dreams	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	9	43,640	44,723	11,181	21,088	120,632
Honorable Win *	Winchill - Honorable Partner	Pewter Stable	2	75,200	30,080	7,520	0	112,800
Confirmed Star *	Uptowncharlybrown - Its My Town	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	8	9,800	66,840	16,710	14,200	107,550
Pachelbel *	Hoppertunity - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	10	19,600	48,550	12,137	21,964	102,251
Foxy Junior	Cuba - Foxy Drummer	Dianne L. Stern	5	64,500	25,680	0	9,600	99,780
Twilight Dancer	Tapiture - Moonlight Basin	Warriors Reward	8	58,200	27,160	0	13,900	99,260
Crisper	Tapiture - Je Suis Enchantee	Ascoli Piceno Stables LLC	4	75,200	20,860	0	0	96,060

*Denotes PA-sired