

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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Uncle Heavy sparks excitement on the Triple Crown trail

By Nikki Sherman

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."

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.

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 turnout 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."

A few words 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. 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!

A big thank you goes out to all of our Stallion Season donors and purchasers who made our 2024 auction a big success. Proceeds from the auction are used toward our lobbying efforts in Harrisburg.

The 2023 PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series has concluded. Congrats to Aoife's Magic (bred by Mohns Hill Farm LLC), Notice of Action (bred by Bryan Minnich) and Jody's Ruby (bred by Gilman Hallenbeck) who finished first, second and third in total number of points for the 2023 Series. They earned their trainers \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. The 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. We are

transitioning to that in 2024. 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.

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2024 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

	Monday, April 22	\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP \$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES	3 & up, 7 furlongs 3 & up, f&m, 7 furlongs
	Friday, May 31	\$100,000 LYPHARD STAKES \$100,000 WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf
	Monday, June 24	\$100,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES \$100,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 5 furlongs, turf
	Monday, July 8	\$100,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs
	Monday, July 22	\$100,000 HARD SPUN STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
	Monday, July 29	\$100,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
		\$100,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP \$100,000 MRS. PENNY STAKES \$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES \$100,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf 3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards 3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
	Saturday, Sept. 21	\$100,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP \$100,000 PLUM PRETTY STAKES	3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf 3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
		<u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:</u> \$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	<u>2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS:</u> \$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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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through December 31, 2023

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	632,477	236,389	868,866	Maria M. Haire	180,989	6,169	187,158
Warriors Reward	515,339	161,368	676,707	Richard N. Miller	139,767	23,335	163,102
Glenn E. Brok LLC	359,839	132,647	492,485	Barbara A. Rickline	124,356	17,547	141,903
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	332,507	118,158	450,665	W M T Stables Inc.	139,259	0	139,259
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	420,396	420,396	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	0	133,512	133,512
Blackstone Farm LLC	297,773	0	297,773	Michael Raymond Anspach	130,766	0	130,766
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	96,179	199,145	295,324	Godstone Farm LLC	130,181	0	130,181
Arrowwood Farm Inc	256,842	0	256,842	Chuck Russo	105,372	23,980	129,352
William J. Solomon VMD	147,319	95,469	242,787	Mohns Hill Farm LLC	126,369	0	126,369
Joseph Imbesi	232,494	0	232,494	Richard Molineaux	122,633	0	122,633
Pewter Stable	173,384	32,040	205,425	Bryan B. Minnich	119,329	0	119,329
St. Omer's Farm	188,000	0	188,000	Sylmar Farm Inc.	115,951	0	115,951

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	524	236,389	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	122	34,511
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	331	199,145	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	93	31,931
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	322	161,368	Winchill	Pewter Stable	69	31,200
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	411	141,735	El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	91	28,393
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	158	133,512	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	47	24,529
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	300	123,682	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	41	23,980
Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	276	118,158	Flashback	Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.	73	21,041
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	231	91,147	Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	58	20,983
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	113	83,524	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	50	19,020
Eastwood	Glenn E. Brok LLC	68	39,394	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	77	18,556
Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	110	38,036	Xixixi	Barbara A. Rickline	44	17,547
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	55	36,042	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	60	14,510

LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Aoife's Magic *	Smarty Jones - Polarized	Mohns Hill Farm LLC	4	195,600	107,040	26,160	12,000	340,800
Notice of Action *	Hoppertunity - Be a Gem	Bryan B. Minnich	5	128,800	87,240	21,090	12,000	249,130
Uncle Heavy *	Social Inclusion - Expect Wonderful	Barbara L. Reid	3	114,080	65,160	15,240	12,000	206,480
Twisted Ride	Great Notion - Diva's Gold	Kasey K Racing Stable Tuffy LLC	6	116,400	48,624	0	13,920	178,944
Disco Ebo *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	20,000	86,464	21,616	41,760	169,840
Gordian Knot *	Social Inclusion - Mia	Joseph Imbesi	4	60,000	77,584	19,396	10,560	167,540
Talented Man *	Talent Search - Musket Mary	Michael M. Moore	5	60,000	69,507	17,377	19,648	166,532
Buy Land and See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	4	134,120	25,720	0	0	159,840
Veeson *	Il Villano - Springingintherein	Chuck Russo	5	51,600	64,108	14,492	13,520	143,720
Warrior's Ransom *	Warrior's Reward - Ransom Past Due	Warriors Reward	10	8,800	75,973	18,993	38,852	142,618
Movisitor	Uncle Mo - Ristretto	Forgotten Land Investments Inc.	5	60,000	38,880	0	38,400	137,280
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C. Quick	5	29,400	54,684	13,671	28,560	126,315
Necie Marie	Cross Traffic - Lode Lady	Jon A. Marshall	5	50,400	30,408	0	27,360	108,168
Geebert *	Albert the Great - Gee Pari	Richard Molineaux	12	0	56,054	14,014	36,896	106,964
Young Squire *	Uptowncharlybrown - Ambling Rose	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	7	0	59,540	14,402	31,920	105,862
Johnny Ritt *	Weigelia - C J's Little Girl	Barbara Wheeler	11	0	56,865	14,216	33,962	105,043
Marion Grace *	Uptowncharlybrown - Angel Food	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	7	0	52,248	12,264	35,040	99,552
Midnight In Alaska *	Almasty - Working At Night	Maria M. Haire	6	9,720	50,678	11,782	23,520	95,700
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T. Capriglione	3	58,800	29,400	7,350	0	95,550
Jody's Ruby *	Talent Search - Mary Cole	Gilman Hallenbeck	3	55,200	29,010	6,906	3,960	95,076
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With an Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	60,000	27,840	0	7,200	95,040
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	2	77,600	15,520	0	0	93,120
Gamboling Ghost *	Weigelia - Dancingwithdebbie	Cynthia M. Bartkowski	3	54,000	30,600	7,200	0	91,800
One More Scoop *	Uncle Lino - Single Scoop	Michael Raymond Anspach	8	8,600	54,320	13,580	13,440	89,940

*Denotes PA-sired