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- Stallion registration: Feb. 15 of year breeding
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PA-Bred Angel of Empire is Derby Bound

By Jennifer Starr



Angel of Empiregallops home in the Grade 1
Arkansas Derby. ©Coady Photography

With an eye-popping and jaw-dropping 4 1/4 length win in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby on Saturday, April 1, Pennsylvania bred Angel of Empire catapulted onto the Kentucky Derby trail in huge fashion. The Brad Cox-trained colt is by 2017 Arkansas Derby winner Classic Empire out of Armony's Angel, by To Honor and Serve.

The colt went into the Arkansas Derby off his half-length win in the Grade 2 Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds, which was his initial stakes win; he was second in the Smarty Jones at Oaklawn on January 1st.

Angel of Empire was foaled at Blackstone Farm just above Pine Grove, PA. Christian Black of Blackstone Farm describes the beautiful property as about 360 acres of open land. "They are foaled here, and they grow up here," he explained. Then they go on to the marketplace with commercial breeders.

We believe in our horses to be raised outside, so we have a lot of run-in sheds. Sunshine and fresh air, I believe, is a big component to a raise a good racehorse."

He is still ecstatic over the colt's huge win in the Arkansas Derby, and his reaction to the win was priceless. "I think my wife thought I kind of had a heart attack because I was jumping up and down like I was 20 years old! It was very exciting, obviously, and to a certain degree, emotional."

"It was very surreal, kind of," he added. "It's everything we dream of when we start the process, which is a long process, and this process has

to go through so many different hands."

According to the Paulick Report, Angel of Empire was a \$70,000 purchase at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale from the Warrendale Sales consignment. "The reason why he was a \$70,000 yearling was because he was kind of immature, and you had to take your time with this horse," Christian commented. "You had to find an owner that is willing to do that and put the horse in the hands of a trainer that is willing to do that. It was \$70,000, but that was probably because they found a 'diamond in the rough'. Right now, he might be more than a 'diamond in the rough', he might be looking a little more obvious now."

Christian is excited about the colt, and about the prestigious breeding program in

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Pennsylvania. "Last time we had something like this was Smarty Jones. It's a big deal. It's important for the Pennsylvania breed and the Pennsylvania breeders that we can show, in general, to the U.S. market, that we can produce a very nice horse here."

Getting to that first leg of the Triple Crown is the hope of all breeders and owners, and Christian agrees. "Anybody that buys horses, it doesn't matter what level they buy them on, they all dream of the Kentucky Derby. The fact that these people (owners of Angel of Empire) are a big supporter of the market, and it's not the only horse they have in training, and not the only horse they have on the Derby trail, the fact that they are the ones that are bringing him there, that is just a little more rewarding. I'm very happy for them, the owners and the trainers. It's a big deal."

Christian is hoping to be at the Kentucky Derby, but he will have to fit it into his busy schedule. "We have to get the next generation on the ground. Here at the farm, I foal all our mares and all our foals, or at least I try to," he laughed. "We will see how the schedule looks, but if the schedule allows it, I will be at the Derby."

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Secretary of

the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) was also brimming with excitement over Angel of Empire, and the rich breeding program in Pennsylvania, consistently turning out champion racehorses.

"Pennsylvania has really moved up, across the nation, as far as the horses are concerned. We have Caravel, who won the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint last fall, and just won the Grade 2 Shakertown at Keeneland; Unique Bella; Princess of Sylmar; just to name a few. Going back to 2004, Smarty Jones".

The reaction to Angel of Empire's win extended well across the Pennsylvania racing and breeding industry, and the buzz is in the air to bring home the Derby trophy. "Christian (Black) wasn't the only one screaming and banging on table during the Arkansas Derby!" Brian laughed.

Not only is the breeding program in Pennsylvania extensive, but it is also important in that it is structured to give back. "Many of our breeders are 'Mom and Pop breeders' where they have one or two horses. So, it's important for them to look and say, 'we can do it'. We structure our breeding program so that breeders can get their investment back as quickly as possible. The breeder awards for Maiden races

are 50%, so until you break your maiden, if you finish 1-2-3 in a Maiden race, you're going to get a 50% Breeder award. The owner bonus at Parx is 40% and 30% at Penn National and Presque Isle Downs, so if you breed the horse and own the horse, you can make a substantial amount of money just by the horse breaking the maiden. Breeders' awards for PA Sired horses continue to be 40% and non-PA Sired to be 20%, because some people breed commercially and they sell it at the sales, so we don't want to stop them from breeding to any sire that they wish."

"We probably have, across the board, the best breeding program in the United States as far as bonuses, Breeder awards, stakes, and restricted races," Brian said.

Brian is planning on cheering on Angel of Empire at the Kentucky Derby and is excited about the colt's chances. "Pennsylvania has had two Derby winners, Lil E. Tee in 1992 and Smarty Jones in 2004, and some other horses went that weren't favorites or close to being favorites. Angel of Empire, other than Forte, he's probably going to be right up there, I'd say, in the top two to four horses. We have a really good shot here! I can't wait!"

A few words from the Executive Coordinator

Congratulations to PA-bred Angel of Empire for his victory in the \$1,250,000 Grade 1 Arkansas Derby! The win awarded him 100 qualifying points for the Kentucky Derby, and he will be among the betting favorites on the first Saturday in May. Angel of Empire was bred by Christian Black's Forgotten Land Investments Inc and Black Diamond Equine Corp. He sold for \$70,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Yearling Sale and is already a PA-Bred millionaire after only six starts! The state of PA will be cheering Angel of Empire on in his quest for the roses on May 6th! Good luck!

We also wanted to congratulate PA-bred Breeders' Cup winner Caravel, who kicked off her 2023 campaign with a gritty victory against the boys in the \$350,000 G2 Shakertown Stakes at Keeneland. Caravel was bred by Elizabeth M. Merryman, and we

can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for this special mare!

The 2022 Iroquois Award Winners will be recognized at our Annual Banquet on May 12th at The Inn at Mendenhall in Chadds Ford. Invitations have been sent by email.

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Stallion Series is expanding this year and will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 51/2 furlongs for \$100,000, 61/2 furlongs for \$150,000, and a mile and 70 yards for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don't forget about the \$50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nominations for the 2023 series for 2yos, if not already nominated, are \$1000 for those purchased at a public or private sale by June 30th. You can go to pabred.com under 'Horses Nominated' to see if



your horse is on the list. If not, go to 'Forms' and print the nomination form.

Broodmares that were not in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) must be bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Have a great 2023 and Go PA!!



PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through February 28, 2023

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	78,552	29,368	107,920	LC Racing LLC	30,192	0	30,192
A1A Racing	63,282	25,246	88,528	Chuck Russo	23,725	5,215	28,940
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	26,123	43,771	69,894	Richard Molineaux	27,888	0	27,888
St. Omer's Farm	68,440	0	68,440	Shirley A Lojeski	26,963	0	26,963
Richard N Miller	54,481	9,870	64,351	Arrowwood Farm Inc	24,630	0	24,630
Northview StallionStation Inc	0	54,775	54,775	David Charlton	24,520	0	24,520
Glenn E Brok LLC	39,284	12,090	51,374	R H Breeding LLC	22,189	0	22,189
Maria M Haire	39,766	4,775	44,541	Barbara A Rickline	19,144	2,364	21,508
Patricia L Chapman	36,344	3,000	39,344	Michael M Moore	20,877	0	20,877
Warriors Reward	24,379	13,765	38,144	Michael Raymond Anspach	20,432	0	20,432
William J Solomon VMD	14,828	16,638	31,466	Pewter Stable	18,601	1,553	20,154
Emilie Bateman	30,912	0	30,912	Susan C Quick	19,152	0	19,152

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

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Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total		
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	37	43,771	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	18	5,049		
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	62	29,368	Eastwood	Glenn E Brok LLC	7	4,813		
Peace And Justice	A1A Racing	43	25,246	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M Haire	5	4,775		
Jump Start	Northview StallionStation Inc	73	21,324	Albert The Great	William J Solomon VMD	6	4,452		
Uncle Lino	Northview StallionStation Inc	41	18,434	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	19	3,540		
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	29	13,765	Smarty Jones	Patricia L Chapman	4	3,000		
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	6	11,266	El Padrino	Northview StallionStation Inc	14	2,670		
Hoppertunity	Northview StallionStation Inc	18	9,396	Xixixi	Barbara A Rickline	4	2,364		
Lord Shanakill	William J Solomon VMD	17	9,264	Trajectory	Richard N Miller	3	2,352		
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N Miller	13	7,518	Rule By Night	Gold Square LLC	4	2,030		
Talent Search	Glenn E Brok LLC	11	6,232	Silver Train	Henry R Nothhaft	4	1,764		
II Villano	Chuck Russo	8	5,215	Winchill	Pewter Stable	5	1,553		

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
Disco Ebo *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	2	0	39,984	9,996	28,560	78,540
Date Night Kisses *	Weigelia - Tribal Verse	Emilie Bateman	2	0	30,912	7,728	22,080	60,720
Captain Chazz *	Weigelia - Sundays On the Bay	Glenn E Brok LLC	2	0	19,488	4,872	13,920	38,280
Ninetypercentbrynn *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	1	0	19,488	4,872	13,920	38,280
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C Quick	1	0	19,152	4,788	13,680	37,620
Castilleja *	Lord Shanakill - La Mure	Norman George Lewis	2	0	19,152	4,788	13,680	37,620
Diesel *	Peace And Justice - Really A Gem	dba A1A Racing	2	0	19,152	4,788	13,680	37,620
Empress Deona *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N Miller	2	0	19,152	4,788	13,680	37,620
Mary Q *	Social Inclusion - Musket Mary	Michael M Moore	1	0	19,152	4,788	13,680	37,620
Harley's Charly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Harley Go Lightly	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	2	0	22,700	4,540	4,400	31,640
Twisted Ride	Great Notion - Diva's Gold	Kasey K Racing Stable Tuffy LLC	3	0	16,344	0	13,920	30,264
For The Dreamers *	Talent Search - Avery's Smile	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	2	0	14,448	3,612	10,320	28,380
Marion Grace *	Uptowncharlybrown - Angel Food	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	1	0	15,960	3,192	9,120	28,272
Rolls Royce Joyce *	Uptowncharlybrown - Joyce's Angel	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	3	0	14,269	3,567	10,192	28,028
Peach Perfect	Cupid - George's Peach	Andrew Simoff	2	0	15,144	0	12,720	27,864
John Dutton *	Eastwood - Reconsider	Town & Country Farms Manag. LL	.C 2	0	14,112	3,528	10,080	27,720
Professor Kool *	Weigelia - C Jís Little Girl	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	2	0	20,320	4,064	3,040	27,424
Social Success *	Social Inclusion - Schuylkilla	Shirley A Lojeski	2	0	18,216	4,080	5,040	27,336
Dilly Dilly Philly *	Jump Start - Judiane's Jubilee	David Charlton	2	0	15,280	3,820	7,200	26,300
Flight *	Peace And Justice - Rosedale Arch	A1A Racing	2	0	14,056	2,968	8,480	25,504
Eclipticals Sarah *	Eclipticalspraline - Gentle Charmer	Maria M Haire	2	0	16,320	4,080	5,040	25,440
Coles Conundrum	Cross Traffic - Villette	Jon A Marshall	2	0	13,000	0	12,000	25,000
Windsor Gold	Golden Lad - English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	2	0	11,550	0	13,200	24,750
Wilkinson Warrior *	Warrior's Reward - Mama Jones	Patricia L Chapman	2	0	20,000	4,000	\$-	24,000
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