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Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
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Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**
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Caravel destined for Breeders' Cup Success

By Nikki Sherman

When Caravel was an unraced 2-year-old in training at Fair Hill, her exercise rider boldly told owner/trainer/breeder Elizabeth Merryman, "This is a Breeders' Cup horse!" Hearing those words put the lofty idea in Merryman's mind early. That exercise rider had regularly ridden 2008 Eclipse Award Champion Grass Mare Forever Together, who captured the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf-G1 the same year, so she knew the caliber of horse required to win the biggest races of the year.

Merryman acquired Caravel's dam Zeezee Zoomzoom from a friend who called to tell her about a Congrats mare in Florida that was being retired from racing due to a tendon injury. She was interested in "Zeezee" so she had the mare shipped to Kentucky where she was bred to Mizzen Mast. Merryman chose the stallion because he was an affordable option and, while he was not a flashy sire at the sales, she wanted foals that she could raise and race herself. She also had a sneaking suspicion that her new mare just might be a turf producer.

"I had never taken a mare for free but I liked her pedigree enough to ship her back home after she was bred," said Merryman. "When Zeezee got here she was absolutely wild and I thought, 'What am I going to do with this?' She was going after the other mares in the field and was the alpha right away."

Zeezee Zoomzoom gave birth on Merryman's Pennsylvania farm on March 1, 2017, producing a dark bay filly that would eventually lighten to a flashy dapple gray. Merryman had hoped that Zeezee would calm down with a foal of her own but that was not the case at all. She was mean to her foal, though not quite to the extent that the two needed to be separated. The young filly who would be named Caravel learned to stick up for herself early and that carried forward into her racing career, especially during grueling stretch drives.

"I keep a journal for myself and I recently looked back to see what I wrote about Caravel," Merryman said. "I had written that she was the nicest foal I'd ever had. She was so sweet but really learned how to be tough from the start."

When Caravel debuted as a 3-year-old at Penn National Race Course June 24, she showed that tenacity, remembered Merryman.

"The gate opened and she just stood there. I was shocked since she had always been quick to break in training and I really thought she was going to be a nice racehorse. She was looking around and suddenly realized, 'Oh, I'm supposed to go fast?' She was far behind but caught up to them and flew right past everyone!"

After being last of 10 and nearly a dozen lengths behind early, Caravel won that

5½-furlong maiden special weight by 1¼ lengths and became a star in Pennsylvania with victories including the \$75,000 Lake Erie Stakes and the PA-Bred \$80,000 Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle.

At that time, Merryman placed Caravel in her daughter Liza Hendrik's new online auction website called Wanamaker's, setting a "dream price" as the reserve. She really didn't want to sell Caravel but she was concerned that personal health issues might affect her ability to properly train such a talented filly. Her son McLane Hendriks was learning but wasn't quite ready to take over for Elizabeth as a trainer.

"We received calls from all over the country and a lot of people did pre-purchase exams on her," said Merryman. "She ended up not hitting her reserve but I did work out a deal with someone where I kept 25 percent of her. She moved to Graham Motion's barn so I was happy since he's good with turf horses."

Before the trainer transfer, Merryman also sent Caravel to victories in the \$100,000 The Very One Stakes, \$78,000

Goldwood Stakes and the Grade 3 \$200,000 Caress Stakes at Saratoga.

Unfortunately, after moving to the new barn Caravel was not very successful. She did contest the 2021 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1 at Del Mar but finished last of 12. Her majority owner decided to sell her a few days later at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky's The November Sale. Merryman was very disappointed and along with a partner tried to buy back Caravel, however they were outbid in the end.

"I was afraid that she would be retired as a broodmare after the sale," Merryman said. "I thought she had a lot more potential and she should get another shot at the Breeders' Cup. But the great thing is, now I have a close relationship with her owners and they keep me informed and involved with everything."

Those owners are Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Madaket Stables LLC, and Caravel is now trained by Brad Cox. Since their purchase, the PA-Bred has won eight of 11 starts, including a brilliant 43-1 upset victory against the boys in the 2022

Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1, making Merryman's dream come true.

The best part is that Caravel stayed in training for her 6-year-old campaign this year. She is undefeated in three 2023 starts including two graded stakes wins against the boys. Most recently she held off 13 competitors to capture the Grade 1 Jaipur Stakes by three-quarters of a length on Belmont Stakes Day, a Breeders' Cup Challenge Series "Win and You're In" race for the Turf Sprint.

There was a brief period of time in which her connections considered sending her across the Atlantic Ocean to race at the prestigious Royal Ascot meet. Running a PA-Bred against the very best turf horses in the world was a truly exciting idea, but in the end she stayed stateside for the Jaipur with an even better goal in mind. Caravel is en route to Santa Anita Park in November where she will seek to defend her title in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. With luck, talent and tenacity, Caravel just may indeed make even more Breeders' Cup dreams come true.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Belmont Saturday was a great day for Pennsylvania. Caravel, bred by Liz Merryman, beat the boys once again, taking the Grade 1 Jaipur Stakes and guaranteeing a spot in this year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Wow, what a mare!

Angel of Empire, bred by Christian Black, finished a valiant fourth in the Belmont after running wide almost the entire race. He's definitely full of heart! Congrats to all the connections.

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Stallion Series begins next month. The first two stakes in the \$1,000,000 series will be run on Aug. 21, PA Day at the Races. Don't

forget about the \$50,000 series trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nominations for the 2023 series for 2yos, if not already nominated, are \$1,000 for those purchased at a public or private sale and nominated by June 30. After that the fee will be \$5,000. 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. Don't have a PA-Sired PA-Bred? Contact a Pa Breeder by looking at our 2023 Stallion Directory. Please remember that if your horse is already nominated, you still **MUST CALL** the PARX racing office to enter your

nomination by July 10.

Last call for 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.). They 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 second half of 2023 and Go PA!



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CARAVEL

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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through April 30, 2023

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	128,821	54,036	182,857	Shirley A. Lojeski	59,539	0	59,539
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	119,366	119,366	Barbara A. Rickline	45,516	7,692	53,208
Richard N. Miller	99,155	18,172	117,326	Peter Giangiulio	48,562	0	48,562
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	37,631	76,483	114,114	R H Breeding LLC	46,925	0	46,925
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	73,884	34,526	108,410	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	46,697	0	46,697
St. Omer's Farm	102,440	0	102,440	Richard Molineaux	45,305	0	45,305
Glenn E. Brok LLC	72,992	24,792	97,784	Susan C. Quick	44,684	0	44,684
Warriors Reward	60,577	27,536	88,113	Patricia L. Chapman	37,699	3,471	41,170
Maria M. Haire	73,520	5,047	78,567	Angelo Zalalas	40,780	0	40,780
Blackstone Farm LLC	74,372	0	74,372	Chuck Russo	30,585	6,783	37,368
William J. Solomon VMD	35,196	35,501	70,697	Kasey K Racing Stable Tuffy LLC	36,624	0	36,624
LC Racing LLC	65,672	0	65,672	Emilie Bateman	33,200	0	33,200

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
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	75	76,483	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	17	9,111
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	127	54,036	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	17	8,831
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	138	48,222	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	31	8,247
Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	70	34,526	Xixixi	Barbara A. Rickline	15	7,692
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	83	31,298	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	38	7,602
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	66	27,536	Almasty	William J. Solomon VMD	3	7,078
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	16	24,012	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	24	6,832
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	40	17,233	Eastwood	Glenn E. Brok LLC	14	6,801
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	23	16,190	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	18	6,783
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	27	15,820	Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	23	5,459
Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	36	12,371	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M. Haire	10	5,047
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	32	9,868	Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	7	3,471

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	4	20,000	67,984	16,996	28,560	133,540
Twisted Ride	Great Notion - Diva's Gold	Kasey K Racing Stable Tuffy LLC	5	56,400	36,624	0	13,920	106,944
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C. Quick	3	9,400	44,684	11,171	28,560	93,815
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	1	60,000	12,000	0	0	72,000
Ninetypercentbrynn *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	3	10,000	36,968	9,242	13,920	70,130
Social Success *	Social Inclusion - Schuylkilla	Shirley A. Lojeski	4	0	48,216	11,580	5,040	64,836
Date Night Kisses *	Weigelia - Tribal Verse	Emilie Bateman	3	0	33,200	8,300	22,080	63,580
Empress Deona *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N. Miller	5	0	30,656	7,664	16,480	54,800
Geebert *	Albert the Great - Gee Pari	Richard Molineaux	5	0	27,362	6,841	17,816	52,019
For the Dreamers *	Talent Search - Avery's Smile	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	3	0	25,872	6,468	18,480	50,820
Midnight In Alaska *	Almasty - Working At Night	Maria M. Haire	3	0	31,862	7,078	10,080	49,020
Rolls Royce Joyce *	Uptowncharlybrown - Joyce's Angel	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	5	0	23,677	5,919	16,912	46,508
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	1	0	20,832	5,208	14,880	40,920
Captain Chazz *	Weigelia - Sundays On the Bay	Glenn E. Brok LLC	3	0	19,488	4,872	13,920	38,280
Windsor Gold	Golden Lad - English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	5	0	18,334	0	19,920	38,254
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	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	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
That'storny'ssister *	Uncle Lino - Not Very Ladylike	Peter Giangiulio	4	0	24,408	5,352	6,720	36,480
Johnny Ritt *	Weigelia - C J's Little Girl	Barbara Wheeler	4	0	18,200	4,550	13,000	35,750
Wishing Ona Prayer *	Xixixi - Fringe Benefits	Barbara A. Rickline	2	0	19,152	4,284	12,240	35,676
Hop On Me *	Hoppertunity - Socially Driven	Richard A. Malouf	5	0	23,215	5,054	5,868	34,137
Northern Express *	Bullsbay - A Wing and a Song	UM Holdings Ltd.	2	0	16,699	4,175	11,928	32,802
Harley's Charly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Harley Go Lightly	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	2	0	22,700	4,540	4,400	31,640

*Denotes PA-sired