

## 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:**  
Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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## Pennsylvania Derby Day a PA-Bred Showcase

By Averie Levanti



The \$150,000 Prince Lucky Stakes for PA-Sired, PA-Bred 2-year-olds was taken by Notice of Action.

The first day of fall Sept. 23 brought about a dreary, rainy, windy day at Parx Racing for Pennsylvania Derby Day. Four PA-Bred stakes were featured on the card, including the second leg of the Pennsylvania Stallion Series for PA-Sired, PA-Bred 2-year-olds. In addition, a few Pennsylvania-Breds took on open company throughout the day.

Stakes action kicked off in the second race with the \$150,000 Prince Lucky Stakes. Notice of Action, trained by Bobbi Anne Hawthorne, was a late nomination to the Stallion Series for PA-Sired, PA-Bred 2-year-olds off

his 4-length romp in a maiden special weight on PA Day at the Races.

Following the scratch of Whistle Pig winner Gamboling Ghost, Notice of Action was left the clear even-money favorite in the field of nine juveniles. Six other runners were returning off their effort in the Whistle Pig, including second and third-place finishers Chilling Hassle and Lost and Confused.

A four-way duel commenced in the early going between Poker Partner, Standpoint, Notice of Action, and Chilling Hassle through a quarter in :22.50 over the sloppy sealed

track. With Notice of Action and Chilling Hassle continuing on through a half in :46.33, Notice of Action made his bid for the lead midway around the turn and opened up a 1½-length lead. Unraveling a lead from 13 lengths back was Lost and Confused (by Social Inclusion), who closed strongly down the middle of the track, while 43-1 longshot Addyson's Dream (Uptowncharlybrown) attempted to make a bid up the rail. Notice of Action and rider Andy Hernandez held sway over his rivals, holding off a fast-closing Lost and Confused to post a half-length victory, with Addyson's Dream another 2¼ lengths back in third.

Sired by Hoppertunity, Notice of Action is out of the Jump Start mare Be a Gem and bred by Bryan Minnich. Purchased for \$15,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, it was the first career stakes victory for enthusiastic owner A.J. Hawthorne.

The \$150,000 Imply for PA-Sired, PA-Bred juvenile fillies was up next. Nine 2-year-old fillies lined up to compete, including the trifecta from the Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes of Jody's Ruby, Sirani, and One Eyed Jackie. Heavy favoritism, however, fell to Aoife's Magic, who had broken her maiden only 12 days prior by an eye-opening 10¾ lengths.

Settling 2 lengths back as the front-runners dueled through an opening quarter in :22.31, Aoife's Magic moved up around the turn and poked her head in front of One Eyed Jackie to post a half mile in :46.65. The chestnut filly opened up, taking a 5-length lead into the stretch as first-time starter Noisy On the Bay rallied strongly down the middle of the track from 14 lengths last. Aoife's Magic and Wilfred Vasquez held sway by 1¼ lengths over Noisy On the Bay (Boisterous), while Lucky



**Aoife's Magic scores by daylight in the \$150,000 Imply Stakes for PA-Bred/PA-Sired fillies.**

Opportunity (Hoppertunity) nosed out Sirani for show.

Aoife's Magic, by Smarty Jones, is the second named foal, and second winner, from the winning Pennsylvania-bred Drosselmeyer mare Polarized for breeder Mohns Hill Farm LLC. She was purchased by A and J Racing Stable LLC for \$16,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale.

Older horses were featured later in the card, with the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes for fillies and mares over a mile and 70 yards going off as race 6. A field of nine featured 2023 Unique Bella winner Morning Matcha and Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial third-place finisher Gunfyr Gal.

Morning Matcha was a heavy 3-5 favorite in her return to dirt following an unsuccessful grass attempt in the Mrs. Penny Stakes on PA Day at the Races. While the odds-on favorite settled into last in the early joining, 15-1 shot One More Kelly was able to set the pace on her terms through fractions of :23.88 and :48.27. Confronted by Lindalovesgold around the far turn, One More Kelly shook off her rival and spurted clear once again to open a 1½-length lead turning for home. Morning Matcha was rolling from the back of the pack, but the long-time frontrunner found a second gear to hold off the late-charging favorite by three-quarters of a length. Warrior's Ransom finished 4¾ lengths back in third.

The Plum Pretty was the first stakes victory for One More Kelly, who was making her first start for leading trainer Jamie Ness, having improved off a fourth-place effort in the Fort Indian-town Gap Stakes at Penn National last out. One More Kelly recorded her fifth victory in 22 starts and was stakes-placed earlier in the year when third in the Princess of Sylmar at Presque Isle in July. The 4-year-old daughter of Not This Time is out of the Thunder Gulch mare Kelly Mac and is a homebred for Donny Brown's Warrior's Reward LLC.

Following two Grade 3s – the Greenwood Cup (race 7) and Turf Monster (race 8) – the \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap was pulled off the turf and run over 1¼ miles on the main track. The odds-on favorite was Buy Land and See, off his romp in the Storm Cat Stakes on PA Day at the Races; joining him were the Storm Cat third and fourth-place finishers, King Kumbalay and Market Maven.

Buy Land and See toted 130 pounds over the sloppy track, giving away seven to 11 pounds to his rivals, and sat third in the early stages behind Fore Harp and Market Maven, while King Kumbalay was another length and a half back in fourth. Fore Harp set fractions of :23.67 and :47.73 before he was confronted by the pair of Buy Land and See and King Kumbalay. Buy Land and See ultimately came up empty under his heavy impost, and King Kumbalay swept to the lead turning for home. The gelding continued to draw away as he splashed across the wire 6½ lengths in front. Fore Harp held the photo over Market Maven for third, while Buy Land and See yielded late to take fourth. It was the first stakes victory for 5-year-old King Kumbalay, who marked his third victory over an off track. He was purchased for \$35,000 by owners Kingsport Farm at the 2019 Keeneland

## Pennsylvania Derby Day continued

September Yearling Sale, and the victory pushed his earnings just shy of \$300,000. The Alphabet Soup was the sixth victory in 20 starts for the son of Shanghai Bobby. Out of the Flower Alley mare Lovely Stay, King Kumbalay was bred by late Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

In addition to the four PA-bred stakes featured on the stakes-packed card, five additional PA-breds competed in open stakes.

Leading the charge was Arrowwood Farm homebred Nimitz Class. Having tallied three consecutive runner-up stakes efforts entering the \$300,000 Parx Dirt Mile, Nimitz Class was the 6-1 third choice in the field of six behind heavily favored last-out Grade 1 winner Gunite and New York-bred Dr Ardito. Sitting behind the early pace of Mish and Gunite, Nimitz Class swept up to confront his Grade 1-winning rival around

the turn. The two fought through the first half of the stretch before Nimitz Class pulled away late to post a 1¼-length upset.

It was the fifth victory in eight starts on the year for the 4-year-old son of Munnings, whose career tally now stands 11-for-20, with over \$700,000 in earnings.

The \$250,000 Turf Monster-G3 at 5 furlongs was conducted over a very soggy Parx turf course following the day's ongoing rain. The 4-year-old filly Roses for Debra, bred by Blackstone Farm LLC, was making her first start against males following her summer in Saratoga that saw her glide to two easy stakes victories, including the Grade 2 Caress. She went off the 3-5 favorite. Hard-knocking 8-year-old Smooth B, bred by St. Omer's Farm and WynOaks Farm, was dismissed at 24-1 at his home track. While nobody caught the front-run-

ning Indiana-bred Nobody Listens, Smooth B was 3 lengths back in second, with Roses for Debra another 2 lengths back in third. Smooth B posted his fourth runner-up effort in seven tries this year, with one third, and pushed his earnings to \$816,267.

Entrants for the Grade 2 \$400,000 Gallant Bob Stakes for 3-year-olds included the winners of last year's Prince Lucky and Whistle Pig Stakes – Gordian Knot, bred by Joe and Orla Imbesi, and Ninetyprcentmaddie, bred by LC Racing LLC. They went off at 5-1 and 10-1, respectively, in the field of nine going 6 furlongs. While favored Damon's Mound won, Gordian Knot checked in third with Ninetyprcentmaddie another length back in fourth. Gordian Knot has yet to finish off the board in eight career starts on dirt and increased his earnings to \$423,960.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Pennsylvania Derby Day at PARX was going to be held under water if Tropical Storm Ophelia had anything to do with it. With a little help from mother nature and a lot of prayers, we dodged most of the rain and some of the wind.

Since most of the tracks in the Mid-Atlantic region were closed, we were the 'Big Dog' for the day, and that we were, as the handle broke \$17 million. Wow! The day included four PA-Bred Stakes, two with purses of \$150,000 each which made up the second-leg of the 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Series. Congratulations to the Bryan Minnich-bred Notice of Action, who came from well off the pace to win the Prince Lucky Stakes, and the Mohns Hill Farm-bred Aoife's Magic, an easy winner of the Implly Stakes. We're going to hear from those two horses again. Let's not forget Arrowwood Farm-bred Nimitz Class, who won the \$300,000 PARX Dirt Mile by beating the multiple Grade 1-winning

Steve Asmussen-trained Gunite. Way to go Tom Coulter!

The last leg of the 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series will be run at PARX on December 27 at 1 mile and 70 yards with purses of \$200,000. Nominations for the December races for 2yos, if not already nominated, are \$5,000 through the PHBA office. You can go to [pabred.com](http://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 miss out on the fun. Please remember that if your horse is already nominated, you still MUST CALL the PARX racing office to enter your nomination.

Fantastic news for 2024! The PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series is being expanded to include 3yos. You should have received a letter in the mail. If you were nominated for the 2023 2yo series, you're automatically eligible as a 3yo. If you did not nominate as a 2yo, the fee will be \$100 if paid before April

30, 2024. For foals of 2022, the fee will include races for 2 and 3yos. Please refer to your letter as the earlier you nominate, the cheaper the fee.

By now you should be familiar with the online registration system on our website. We will be transitioning to that in 2024. If you are still using a paper registration, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form.

Broodmare domicile forms are online for the 2024 foaling season. These domicile reports are MANDATORY and if not completed, your foal could be denied PA-Bred registration. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Have a great finish to 2024! Go PA!!





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