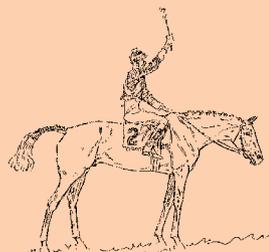


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2015 Maryland-bred Champions

Horse of the Year *Older Male • Sprinter* **The Big Beast**

*B.h., 2011, Yes It's True—V V S Flawless, by Deputy Minister.
Bred by Green Willow Farms; owned by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong; trained by Tony Dutrow.
Foaled at Green Willow Farms, Westminster.*

First of all, he's not that big. And he hasn't been all that beastly, either. Ocala Stud's David O'Farrell laughed about the reaction to his newest stallion, The Big Beast, who came with a reputation as big as his outsized frame.

"There were a lot of rumors before he got here that he was too big, that he stood 18 hands plus," said O'Farrell. "He's 17-2. When you stand up next to him, he's a big horse. He's imposing. He's high-withered. But when you look at him from a good distance he is so balanced and really a perfect type. For such a big horse he's so athletic. He covers a lot of ground. He's quite a horse."

The Big Beast won a single race in 2015, an Oaklawn Park allowance in March, but placed in two Grade 1 stakes to cap his already classy racing career for owners Alex and JoAnn Lieblong and trainer Tony Dutrow. The lofty company helped The Big Beast sweep to Maryland-bred



Horse of the Year, champion sprinter and champion older horse in 2015—a year after taking the state’s 3-year-old championship.

And everyone at his new home in Florida is thrilled.

“He’s been very, very well received, and we’re excited to have him,” said O’Farrell, whose family—like his new horse—has deep roots in Maryland.

The O’Farrell family’s Windy Hills Farm near Westminster dates to 1875 and grew into a Thoroughbred operation launched by brothers Joe and Tom O’Farrell in 1938. Windy Hills eventually housed up to 200 horses and launched the stud career of Rough’n Tumble among others. In 1956, Joe (David’s grandfather) moved to Florida to start Ocala Stud and became a driving force in that state’s breeding industry. His brother continued to run Windy Hills, founded the National Horse Sales Company and became a state delegate

instrumental in the formation of the Maryland Bred Fund. In 1970, Tom O’Farrell died at age 55 and Windy Hills soon left the Thoroughbred business.

The Florida O’Farrells are still going strong, however, as Ocala Stud celebrates its 60th anniversary this year—bolstered by a new stallion bred by Westminster’s Green Willow Farms.

“My dad [Michael] was raised in Westminster until he was 8 years old,” said David. “We still have a lot of family out there so it’s kind of fun to have a horse from there.”

By former Florida stallion Yes It’s True and out of the Deputy Minister mare V V S Flawless, The Big Beast sold for \$32,000 as a yearling and brought \$150,000 from the Lieblongs as a 2-year-old. Unraced at 2, he won his third start in a maiden special weight at Belmont Park in 2014 and made it two in a row by taking a Saratoga al-

lowance. That’s where David O’Farrell got interested.

“He ran in an allowance race, he ran extremely fast, faster than they ran a Grade 2 later in the day,” he said of a 6-furlong allowance in 1:09. “That’s when he came on my radar and I tried to keep him there. On TV, he looked like a magnificent animal. We like horses that compete on the highest level and Saratoga is the toughest place to win.”

The Big Beast confirmed that opinion one start later, by prevailing in the King’s Bishop-G1 also at Saratoga—a race won by future stallions Hard Spun, Henny Hughes, More Than Ready, Forestry, Tale of the Cat, Honour and Glory and others over the years.

The Big Beast missed the remainder of 2014, but returned with that Oaklawn allowance score to make his winning streak four. Dutrow went Grade 1 hunting from there. The Big Beast finished fourth in the Carter Handicap at Aqueduct in April and

missed by a nose to Rock Fall in the Alfred Vanderbilt at Saratoga before finishing second in the Forego, also at Saratoga, to Private Zone.

The top-shelf performances proved the now 5-year-old’s quality, and put him above the rest of the state’s Thoroughbreds in 2015, but also almost ensured a return to the race-track in 2016.

“Mr. Lieblong was really torn with sending him to stud or sending him back to the track,” said O’Farrell. “Ultimately he decided to capitalize on his accomplishments and what he had done. The horse could have come back and maybe even improved on his career, but if for some reason he didn’t or his season was cut short, he would be a long way from the following breeding season. Timing is a huge thing with stallions. The timing was right, there was a market for him to be a stallion, he was already a Grade 1 winner and we’re excited to get him started.” —Joe Clancy

Two-Year-Old Male Tizzarunner

*Dk.b./br.g., 2013, Tizway—Piano Bar, by Carson City.
Bred by Robert T. Manfuso; owned by John C. Oxley;
trained by Mark E. Casse.
Foaled at Chanceland Farm, West Friendship.*



Bob Manfuso can occasionally be found during the summer at Saratoga Race Course, watching training from the backstretch with a

Rottweiler alongside friends and fellow horsemen Ian Wilkes, Carl Nafzger and Jim Bond. From that spot near the 7-furlong pole, he got to see

Tizway, the sire of eventual Maryland-bred champion Tizzarunner.

“Tizway was a horse I knew to be honest with you,” Manfuso said of the 2011 Whitney Invitational-G1 winner. “Jimmy Bond trained him, and 007 and I are buddies.”

Manfuso liked Tizway enough when he went to stud to send his young Carson City mare Piano Bar to the Tiznow stallion at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky.

“I saw him as a racehorse and he was big, strong, good-boned, and that cross would go well with that mare,” Manfuso said. “It made all the sense to mate her to Tizway.”

The resulting foal was Tizzarunner, the third produced by Piano Bar and the 2015 Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old colt or gelding. Like Cathryn Sophia, the 2015 Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly also bred by Manfuso, Tizzarunner was part of the draft of 11 yearlings his breeder brought to

the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale.

He was the most expensive of the group, bringing \$95,000 from Florida-based pinhooker Nick de Meric and more than four times the sale’s average. Tizzarunner’s older half-brother, the Hard Spun colt Hard Bark, brought \$75,000 at the 2013 Keeneland September yearling sale; and Piano Bar’s fourth foal, a colt by Trappe Shot, brought \$75,000 at last year’s Midlantic fall yearling sale.

“She produces a very solid foal,” Manfuso said. “And Tizzarunner was a nice yearling, fit the Mid-Atlantic market well and we were pleased with the outcome. Of course you’d like to see a little more on the board but you have to take it sometimes.”

De Meric got a lot more, selling Tizzarunner for \$325,000 at last year’s OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training shortly after the colt—who was subsequently gelded—turned in

one of the fastest quarter-mile breezes during presale workouts. Mark Casse bought Tizzarunner for his biggest client, John Oxley.

A little more than four months removed from the sale, Tizzarunner made it to the races and not in the easiest of spots. Casse isn't afraid to run a first-time starter in stakes-company—he's done it with success, including with

the filly My Conquestadory in the 2014 Summer Stakes-G2 against males—and especially when he's got a horse training well.

Tizzarunner finished third behind Riker in the \$125,000 Colin Stakes going 6 furlongs on Woodbine's Polytrack.

The future Maryland champion broke his maiden three weeks later and ran into Riker again in back-to-back

starts, finishing second in the \$125,750 Swynford Stakes and third in the \$150,000 Grey Stakes-G3.

"He was a solid horse up there," Manfuso said. "He was knocking heads up there in Canada, running against some of the best 2-year-olds they had at Woodbine."

Bred in Kentucky by Calumet Farm, Piano Bar raced for Bill Backer and won three

races before joining Manfuso's racing stable for three starts in 2007. She foaled Tizzarunner at Manfuso's and Katharine Voss' Chanceland Farm, and produced a filly by El Padrino last year. Manfuso went back to what worked for the mare in 2015.

"As a matter of fact as crazy as I am the mare is back in foal to Tizway," he said.

— Tom Law

Two-Year-Old Filly Cathryn Sophia

*B.f., 2013, by Street Boss—Sheave, by Mineshaft.
Bred by Robert T. Manfuso; owned by Cash is King;
trained by John C. Servis.*

Foaled at Chanceland Farm, West Friendship.

Two days after Cathryn Sophia started her 2016 campaign with a victory in a graded stakes in South Florida, her trainer remarked how the daughter of Street Boss was a little immature and giving her a little time was key in helping maximize her talent.

Bob Manfuso, who bred Cathryn Sophia and foaled and raised her at his Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, Md., wasn't the least surprised by that statement. He'd seen similar qualities in the filly now widely known around the country as one with utmost quality.

"She was an attractive enough foal, she wasn't at the top of our list but I've been breeding horses for a fair amount of time and learned a long time ago when you're talking about weanlings, young yearlings, they all can make you look silly after a while depending on how they progress or don't progress," Manfuso said in early February, after Cathryn Sophia ran her record to 3-for-3 with a victory in Gulfstream Park's Forward Gal Stakes-G2.

Manfuso, who operates Chanceland with longtime partner Katy Voss, was speak-

ing directly about the decision to sell Cathryn Sophia at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale.

"We are very active in what they call the regional market, the Mid-Atlantic market, and try to put together a solid bunch of yearlings," Manfuso said. "This foal, Cathryn Sophia, was one of them. She was attractive enough and we thought fit the Mid-Atlantic market very well."

The first foal out of the unraced Mineshaft mare Sheave went through the ring toward the end of the sale and sold to Chuck Zacney for \$30,000. Cathryn Sophia was sent to Barry and Shari Eisaman's Eisaman Equine to be broken and trained and there, too, she showed signs that she might not be ready to be a racehorse just yet.

Servis said Cathryn Sophia arrived at his barn at Parx Racing in good shape and ready but he also was forced to wait on the filly.

"It was shins the first time and the other time I just wasn't happy with the way she was progressing," Servis said. "It's a fine line because with a young horse sometimes you say, 'OK, we need to work



Jim McCue

them through it a little bit, to see if they'll get over that hump and go on and then sometimes you need to say, 'You know what, we're not getting there, let's pull the plug and give them more time to mature and see if they come around.' "

Servis did the latter and Cathryn Sophia didn't make her first start until Oct. 30 at Parx. She made quick work of a maiden special weight field, winning by 12¾ lengths for Zacney's Cash is King.

Stepped up to stakes company for her second start in the Gin Talking Dec. 5 at Laurel Park, Cathryn Sophia won easily again, taking the 7-furlong event by 16¼ lengths as the 1-10 favorite.

Servis was surprised by the authoritativeness of the victories, despite thinking early on that if he could keep Cathryn Sophia healthy she could be a stakes filly. He also credited Zacney for his patience.

Manfuso was equally full of praise for Servis.

"With Cathryn Sophia, you've got to take your hat off to John Servis," Manfuso said. "He took his time, he developed her right. She had a couple typical little 2-year-old issues and he didn't try to have her do things she wasn't ready to do. It tickled me because it really showed what the horse was all about. He really took his time and good Lord willing he seems to be getting rewarded."

— Tom Law

Three-Year-Old Male

Noteworthy Peach

*B.g., 2012, by Read the Footnotes—One Green Peach, by In Case.
Bred by William M. Steinbuch Jr.; owned by Non Stop Stable;
trained by Gary Capuano.
Foaled at Mill Cove Farm, St. Leonard.*



Jim McCue

4 William Steinbuch Jr. jokes that his foray into Thoroughbred ownership and subsequently the breeding side of the business followed a significant financial investment he calls a mistake yet the mating that produced Noteworthy Peach came about after he purchased a mare for the “ridiculously exorbitant price of \$1,000.”

“I made the mistake of investing in a horse that was winning,” said Steinbuch, 71, and the former owner of Mill

Cove Farm in St. Leonard. “I have two friends, who bought a horse named Jest Punching in Florida, I think they paid around \$40,000.

“[Shortly after winning his second career start in Dec. 1992], I asked the principal owner what he was going to do because they received an offer for \$100,000 or \$125,000. I said, ‘I’ll tell you what, I’ll buy 40 percent at that price, cash on cash, and you’re both out of the deal.’ And they’d be able to run locally as opposed

to going to California, where the buyer was from. He went on to win around \$300,000 in purses.”

Jest Punching, a multiple stakes winner who raced from 1992-97, earned \$358,096 to be exact. He also piqued Steinbuch’s interest enough that he bought the horse’s dam, the Smarten mare Foolish Dancer, for \$16,000 when she sold in foal to Magic Prospect at the 1993 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale.

The resulting foal was One Golf Sierra, on the board in each of his five starts for Steinbuch and eventually a stallion for his breeder at Mill Cove. Steinbuch bred four other stakes-placed winners out of Foolish Dancer, including \$169,060-earner Ender Wiggin.

Foolish Dancer died in the mid-2000s and around that time Steinbuch purchased One Green Peach, a daughter of In Case who won one of nine starts and \$13,030 in Maryland and West Virginia in 2003 and 2004.

This was the \$1,000 mare.

“I liked her bloodlines,” Steinbuch said. “Some of the matings seemed to work out with my horses, which are mostly from the Smarten line.”

Steinbuch also liked One Green Peach’s ties to Secretariat—through her grandsire Storm Cat (out of the Secretariat mare Terlingua) and broodmare sire Lord Gaylord, a son of Secretariat’s half-brother Sir Gaylord.

“I bred her to some of the stallions I have on the property and I also bred her off the farm once or twice,” Steinbuch said. “This foal is the result of one of those.”

Steinbuch sold the son of former New York and current Oklahoma-based stallion Read the Footnotes privately to longtime patron and trainer Gary Capuano. Racing for Capuano and Non Stop Stable, Noteworthy Peach won four of seven starts with two seconds and earned \$152,486 in 2015.

All four victories came out of Laurel Park’s 1-mile chute, starting with a season-opening score in a maiden claiming race for \$40,000 in early January and ending with a 6-length score in the \$50,000 Jennings Handicap the day after Christmas. Noteworthy Peach also finished second in the Federico Tesio Stakes in the spring at Pimlico and his only off-the-board effort came against older horses in a starter allowance going 9 furlongs in November at Laurel.

One Green Peach died as the result of foaling complications that included the attempted delivery of a 148-pound foal in 2015, Steinbuch said. Stricken with terminal cancer, Steinbuch sold Mill Cove Farm in early February and is in the process of selling his remaining bloodstock.

—Tom Law

Three-Year-Old Filly

Mayla

*B.f., 2012, by Sharp Humor—Fifteen Moons, by Malibu Moon. Bred by Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC; owned by Carl R. Moore Management and Brad Grady; trained by W. Bret Calhoun.
Foaled at Country Life Farm, Bel Air.*

4 Trainer Bret Calhoun’s client Brad Grady attended Fasig-Tipton Midlantic’s 2-year-old sale in 2014 as a

seller, then he saw Mayla and became a buyer.

Calhoun figured out why when he saw the bay daughter

of Sharp Humor and the Malibu Moon mare Fifteen Moons for the first time.

“Beautiful filly, very, very attractive,” said the trainer. “There was a lot of substance to her. She caught Brad’s eye at the sale and then another owner of mine wanted in too so they own her together.”

Mayla didn’t run at 2, but made up for the lost time with a banner 3-year-old season for Grady, partner Carl Moore and Calhoun.

In 10 starts from March through November, she won three times, finished second

in three others and was third twice. The campaign finished with a win in the Orleans Stakes at Delta Downs Nov. 21 and included \$167,859 in earnings, good enough to award her the Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly championship.

Bred by Country Life Farm and its broodmare partnership Fifteen Moons LLC, Mayla took her time—losing her first four starts before breaking through at Indiana Grand in July.

The 5-length maiden win sent her to Saratoga where she placed in two allowance

aces before winning at Belmont Park in October. Then came the stakes triumph, and a break.

"She was a little spotty early on and it's taken her a little while to figure it out and develop a style," said Calhoun. "I thought she progressed as the season went on. She ran some really nice races at Saratoga and was unlucky not to win one of those."

Mayla has made a habit of delaying her arrival. She sold for \$7,500 as a weanling to Maryland breeder Carol Kaye and went for \$90,000 at the 2-year-old sale. A winner twice at 6 furlongs, she now has more options.

"She had a hard campaign so she went back to Ocala and is on the farm," said Calhoun in February from his winter base in New Orleans. "She's breezing and is about to come back to me. At some point we're going to try some other things. We think she might

like the grass and we might try her a bit farther too."

Mayla hails from a big regional family.

Her first four dams were bred in Maryland, her fifth in Virginia. Second dam Prospective Joy won stakes and produced six winners including graded stakes winner Hookedonthefeelin, whose progeny include Grade 1 winners Pussycat Doll and Jimmy Creed. Maryland's Fourbros Stable bred Prospective Joy, who died in 2007, and many of her predecessors. Country Life owned her in partnership as a broodmare and co-bred Hookedonthefeelin and others including Fifteen Moons. The latter is still part of the broodmare band at Country Life and has a yearling filly by English Channel. She was carrying a Shakin It Up foal due this year.

—Joe Clancy



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Older Female

Kiss to Remember

*Ch.m., 2011, by Big Brown—Taft Lil Queen, by Irish Open.
Bred by Big Brown Syndicate and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes;
owned by Miller Racing; trained by Martin D. Wolfson.
Foaled at Thornmar Farm, Chestertown.*

A consistent stakes performer at 3, Kiss to Remember hit the big time at 4 following her 2015 midseason purchase by Robert and Myron Miller of Palm Beach, Fla., the father and son team who operate Miller Racing. Sent to their Florida-based trainer Marty Wolfson, Kiss to Remember started six times for her new connections, all at a mile or less, and recorded four consecutive on-the-board finishes in stakes company before appearing in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.

The Millers and Wolfson had been down this path before. They campaigned Maryland-bred champion Ask the Moon in 2011 after claiming

her that June for \$75,000 and winning two Grade 1 stakes over the next three months. Both mares are products of Charles and Cynthia McGinnes' Thornmar Farm in Chestertown.

Kiss to Remember's season began with high expectations after she closed out 2014 with a win in Fair Grounds' Pago Hop Stakes in late December. Owner Maggi Moss and trainer Tom Amoss had claimed the chestnut daughter of Big Brown a year earlier for \$50,000 in her second career start at Fair Grounds.

Racing for Moss 14 times from late December 2013 through June 2015, Kiss to Remember won two stakes and



Leslie Martin

placed in four others. But the best finish in four starts to start 2015 was a second in a 7½-furlong turf allowance at Canterbury in May. Sent out in Canterbury's Minnesota H.B.P.A. Distaff Stakes at 1 mile on the turf two weeks later, she ran close to the pace before giving way to finish fourth.

The Millers have had major success buying mares in training, and selling them when they retire from the track, and

have bought a number from Moss over the years. "[Myron Miller] will call her regularly, to see if anything is available, and she'll usually get him a couple," said Wolfson. "Every one we've had has been pretty nice."

In her first outing for her new owners, Kiss to Remember dropped back in distance but stepped up in class to tackle the Grade 2 Princess Rooney Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Unhurried early, she made a good showing, rallying for third going 6 furlongs. She got her third career stakes win next out in the 1-mile Monroe at Gulfstream, scoring by 6¼ lengths at 2-5.

Seeking a Grade 1, Wolfson shipped the filly to Saratoga for the 7-furlong Ballerina.

Dismissed as the sixth-choice in the field of seven, she broke awkwardly, raced in the three path, rallied around the turn and dug in through the stretch, even after jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. had the whip knocked out of his hand. She finished second, a length behind Unbridled Forever, while outfinishing Grade 1 winner Dame

Dorothy and Princess Rooney winner Merry Meadow.

Returned to Florida, Kiss to Remember just failed to catch front-running Flutterby in the Added Elegance Stakes in September. The well-travelled filly couldn't make headway in the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland and finished ninth, 6 lengths behind winner Wavell Avenue. A trip to Aqueduct in November resulted in a fourth in the Go for Wand Handicap-G3 behind Breeders' Cup-placed rival Taris.

Kiss to Remember ended the year as the second richest Maryland-bred of 2015, earning \$224,275 from 10 starts. She is the third stakes winner,

and second Maryland-bred champion, produced by Taft Lil Queen.

A stakes-winning daughter of Irish Open, Taft Lil Queen is also the dam of El Viento (by El Corredor), the 2005 champion imported 2-year-old colt in Puerto Rico and co-champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old male. Another daughter, For Royalty, was a \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling who became a juvenile stakes winner. For Royalty is the dam of 2016 stakes-winning 3-year-old filly Constellation. Taft Lil Queen was 20 years old when she died at Thornmar in 2015. She produced nine foals, eight of them winners to date.

Kiss to Remember was sold as a yearling for \$15,000 at Keeneland to Roy Sturgeon, who lost her when she was claimed at 2.

"She's a very nice, sound, durable mare," said Wolfson. "Not too big but not too small either."

Plans to sell her at an early winter sale were scrapped when Wolfson set his sights on a Gulfstream campaign, with the idea to stretch her out and get her back on the turf. "She has a really good turf record," he noted. "Now we'll just have fun with her."

—Cindy Deubler

Turf horse Phlash Phelps

B.g., 2011, by Great Notion—Love Me Twice, by Not For Love.
Bred by Carol A. Kaye; owned by Hillwood Stable; trained by Rodney Jenkins. Foaled at Wellington Park Farm, Woodbine.



Lycia A. Williams

Six times in a row Phlash Phelps lost to start his career. As the favorite. As a longshot. By a head. By a double-digit margin. Going short. Going long. On the dirt. On the turf.

Then he turned 4 years old. The son of Great Notion didn't lose in 2015—winning

a maiden race in April, an allowance in May, a Maryland-bred/sired turf stakes in August and the Maryland Million Turf in October. The unbeaten mark and career rebirth earned him the honor as Maryland-bred turf champion, and confirmed the beliefs of his trainer.

"It was a good surprise," Jenkins said of the winning streak. "He could be a graded stakes horse. He has the talent for it. He would just hand it over to them up until he was 4. He broke his maiden and he started fighting back when they came to him."

Bred by Carol Kaye, Phlash Phelps came with plenty of promise as an \$85,000 yearling purchase at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic by owner Ellen Charles in 2012.

His half-brother, multiple stakes winner Action Andy, was Maryland-bred champion sprinter in 2012. Another brother, Saintly Love, won a dozen races.

Both were relatively late developers, however, and Phlash Phelps joined them—in time.

Jenkins and Charles had him gelded after his 3-year-old season and he returned with a 2-length maiden win going 5 furlongs on the Pimlico turf. Stretched to 1¼ miles next time, he won a Pimlico allowance, which came off the grass, by 8 lengths. Then he won Laurel Park's Find Stakes going 1½ miles over Eye-playeverday, Roadhog and Talk Show Man.

The ladder went up one more rung in the 1-mile Maryland Million Turf at Laurel in October, and Phlash Phelps

denied Roadhog a third win in the race with a scrambling, fighting, scrapping, three-quarter-length win.

Phlash Phelps led at the top of the stretch, got passed by a just-as-game Roadhog and re-rallied to prevail.

"That's a nice horse that was second," said Jenkins after the win. "I beat him in the Find, but he got by me in the stretch today and horses don't usually fight back like that. He jumped right back in there. He wasn't finished."

Phlash Phelps took a winter break at Dark Hollow Farm, and was back in Jenkins' Laurel barn in February. April's Henry Clark Stakes at Pimlico is the target, then perhaps a race on Preakness Weekend.

Jenkins won't make plans beyond that, but likes what he sees so far.

"He's doing real well," said the trainer. "If he comes back as good as he left, we could have some fun."

Phlash Phelps' dam Love Me Twice looks to add to her solid record with 2-year-old Smokin Hot Factor, a \$125,000 Keeneland September yearling now owned by NFL Hall of Famer Bill Parcells. She has a yearling colt by Trappe Shot and is in foal to Paddy O'Prado.

—Joe Clancy

Steeplechaser

Grinding Speed

Gr./ro.g., 2006, by Grindstone—Cozelia, by Cozzene. Bred by Alan S. Kline, Mark T. Kline, Mitchell A. Kline and Madeline R. Kline; owned by Michael Wharton; trained by Alicia Murphy. Foaled at Honey Acres Farm, Boyds.



Douglas Lees

Alan Kline remembers a young, strong, easy-going, horse with lots of bone. If the gray colt born this month in 2006 hinted at greatness, he was quiet about it. Going on 10 years later, he's yelling.

A long way from Kline's farm in Montgomery County, Grinding Speed is the 2015 champion Maryland-bred steeplechaser after a season with three wins from five starts and \$124,550 earned.

The veteran won three of the country's most prestigious timber stakes—the My Lady's Manor in April, the Virginia Gold Cup in May and the International Gold Cup in October—for owner Michael Wharton and trainer Alicia Murphy.

Kline loves the horse's career path, which shifted gears from flat to jumps in 2009.

"I'm not much into that type of racing, but I follow him," said Kline. "Of course I follow him. I'm very proud and I should be. He's a nice horse."

Kline's relationship with the future steeplechaser can be traced to 1984 when he spent \$9,000 to buy the unraced broodmare Ofolia at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky. Bred by Nelson Bunker Hunt, she was carrying a foal by Argu-

ment (Fr). Kline liked the international flavor of her pedigree, and she paid him back by producing eight winners. The last, four-time winner Cozelia, came to be when Kline sent Ofolia to 1985 Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 winner Cozzene.

"They called me up about buying a season in Cozzene when he was still running and I did," Kline recalled. "Then he goes and wins the Breeders' Cup. That was nice. He never got the credit he was due as far as a stallion."

He's become something of a pedigree free space for steeplechase stalwarts, transferring stamina and sturdiness to his offspring. When her racing career ended, Cozelia joined Kline's broodmare band. In 2006 she delivered a Grindstone colt, who sold for \$3,200 as a yearling at Timonium in 2007. A year later, he brought \$11,000 and headed to the track for Renpher Stable. He lost his debut to future graded stakes winner Despite the Odds, then lost three more by double digits before breaking through for a \$5,000 claiming price at Colonial Downs. After two more starts in 2009, he was out of flat racing and in Murphy's barn as a hurdle prospect.

Like many, Murphy trolls for prospects—on a budget. She got a call about Grinding Speed, and went to see him while trying to gauge potential.

"I should be tougher about it, but it's their way of going," she once said about what she looks for. "My ears perk up if they have breeding that sounds promising. Fairly injury free, that helps. Past performances mean very little sometimes. The more unsuitable they are for [flat racing], the more suitable they are for this."

Grinding Speed was plenty suitable, and forged a new career. He won once over hurdles in 2011, switched to timber in 2012 and has won eight of 19 starts to go with five seconds.

He won three times that first season, then just once

each in 2013 and 2014. Last year brought it all back as he rolled in the Manor, collected a second Virginia Gold Cup and closed the year with a third International Gold Cup score.

"Hats off to Alicia, as he's gotten more mature, he's hard to train in the sense that he's so relaxed about his training, I gallop him, for me to gallop him, he's easy," Wharton said in October after his horse improved to 5-for-6 over the Gold Cup timber course. "I have no idea why he's better here, I can't give you some brilliant answer to that question. I'm blessed."

Grinding Speed, who does not race with Lasix, aims for another timber campaign this season. Kline said Cozelia (24) resides in Virginia with Lauren Dupuy.

—Joe Clancy

Maryland-bred Championship Voting

Leading horses (with total points on 5-3-1 system)

2-year-old male

Tizzarunner (96)
Ravenheart (71)
Onepointtwentyone (52)
Flash McCaul (37)

2-year-old filly

Cathryn Sophia (133)
Lexington Street (39)
Look Who's Talking (53)

3-year-old male

Noteworthy Peach (153)
Bridget's Big Luvy (47)
I'm Mr. Blue (44)
Enjoy the Show (30)

3-year-old filly

Mayla (151)
Everything Lovely (89)
My Magician (30)

Older male

The Big Beast (121)
Phlash Phelps (59)
Ben's Cat (52)
Delaunay (38)

Older female

Kiss to Remember (133)
Awesome Flower (89)
Monster Sleeping (28)
Luna Time (24)

Sprinter

The Big Beast (128)
Ben's Cat (61)
Delaunay (46)
Kiss to Remember (31)
Jack's in the Deck (9)

Turf

Phlash Phelps (135)
Ben's Cat (104)
Monster Sleeping (22)
Talk Show Man (9)

Steeplechaser

Grinding Speed (155)
Raven's Choice (70)
Dr. Skip (47)

Horse of the year

The Big Beast (113)
Phlash Phelps (56)
Ben's Cat (35)
Cathryn Sophia (20)
Kiss to Remember (20)
Delaunay (16)

All horses with at least five points listed. Selections made by the MHBA board of directors, *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editors Joe Clancy and Cindy Deubler and senior writers Sean Clancy and Tom Law, Maryland Jockey Club president and general manager Sal Sinatra, MJC racing secretary Georganne Hale, stakes coordinator Coleman Blind and track announcer Dave Rodman, Bill Brasaemle and Keith Feustle of *Equibase*, freelance writers Andy Beyer, Ted Black, Maggie Kimmitt, Vinnie Perrone, John Scheinman and Dan Tordjman, radio host Stan Salter, photographer Lydia Williams and Maryland website blogger Frank Vespe.

Snow falling from hardwoods

By Josh Pons



Ellen B. Pons

All quiet on the home front, the morning after the deepest snowfall on record. The farm is immobilized, awaiting high-carriaged diesels, 4-wheel drive tractors, tires treaded in deep-grooved Vs.

Twenty buildings comprise a frozen farm curtilage of ancestral names: slate house, ice house, carriage house, tenant house, main house, stallion barn, courtyard, steeply pitched roofs banked with two-and-a-half-feet of snow, a snow-globe of structures shaken and stilled by the Blizzard of 2016.

The only color in the snow-globe is red: on eaves, window sills, the Xs in the top-half of the Dutch doors—a cinematographer's highlight in an otherwise black-and-white movie.

In stalls against wooden walls, narrow lines of snow seeped behind battens. Pregnant mares contentedly chew flakes of alfalfa. Straw bedding shuffles under mares' ponderous weight. Who has ever heard that sound of

straw, who has felt the coziness of a horse barn in winter, and not been flooded with warm memories? Such simple triggers as the sound of straw. Then the dam opens: the cotony feel of a mother's apron, hot chocolate after sledding, the smell of woolen army uniforms in attic trunks, puppies loose in the playroom, any words written by Mark Twain, a book of "Life on the Farm" in winter.

An older cousin who moved away calls home:

"Remember the Blizzard of '58?" he asks. "No power for days. We had 10 teenagers sleeping in the living room. I was 6 years old but I remember my brother's pals clowning in candlelight all night."

And I was 4, sandwiched in a path shoveled higher than my head, strong black hands lifting me to safety, setting me in a tenant-house doorway. I watched the farm at work through the storm. It may be my earliest memory, a lesson in the value of quiet observation. Those black hands belonged to Gene, the stallion

groom, before he found drink, before he couldn't complete a day without it, before it scoured the farm.

"Gene's drunk again," the bosses told each other in coming years. "He's got to go."

Little did they know for whom the bell tolled. Gene lifted me onto Johann's porch steps. Pronounce the first letter of Johann's name as a Y: "Yohawn." His wife was Julie: "Yulie." Johann and Julie fled over the Alps to escape the warring Austrian Adolf Hitler, and found a new country life with Frenchman Adolphe Pons, through the Displaced Persons employment program. When Johann and Julie left the farm after 30 years, Johann knocked on the big house door and thanked Mom. She went into the telephone room and wept. I listened to her cry. It felt like columns were shaking on the big house.

These days, our seasonal-visa farm workers from Mexico describe drug wars in their quiet hometowns, and plead for year-round sanctu-

ary for their families. They are asking me to lift their wives and children onto the steps of the farm, a new generation of displaced persons. But there aren't enough repurposed ice houses, slate houses, chicken houses, tenant houses, or big houses to house them all, for which I am so sorry.

Here come those same men to clear snow from the gates. Paths are made into the fields, hay thrown in a spaced sequence of flakes. Laboring up the hill, the pregnant mares are led to the gates. Ready to roll is no mere idiom: the mares aren't five steps into the belly-high snow before they drop onto their sides in glee. They flounder in the deep snow, no purchase for their front feet to balance their sternums. A moment of panic shines in their eyes. They clap their hooves in vulnerable desperation until their irresistible weight has crushed the immovable snow. They rock onto their chests and swing back up to stand, panting, hearts racing. Snow clings to their coats like sugar until the mares each shake in a great cleansing wave of muscles moving from head-to-tail, like wet dogs fresh from a swim.

In the forest, Mid-Atlantic hardwoods stand stoic and bare, tall timbers arranged in an amphitheater, a silent audience ready for a performance. On cue, a red-headed woodpecker dive-bombs from the highest tree, the underside of his wings white against black trunks. He lights on a limb selected for its percussion and begins his staccato drumming, ten taps to the second, crystal on the still air, a maestro signaling attention.

A quartet of retired geldings lift themselves out of their stretching snow-rolls. Energy-high from two nights inside, alfalfa-fed, they leap away, high-stepping a ballet through snow up to their forearms. From the high limbs of the hardwoods, snow falls in thumps on the forest floor, in soft applause for such beauty, there to be found in the Blizzard of 2016.



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



JimMcCue

Candida H.



Conniver Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 4 & up. Laurel Park, Jan. 30.

B.f., 2012, by Lemon Drop Kid—Magical Broad, by Broad Brush. Bred and owned by Fitzhugh LLC; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. Foaled at Fitzhugh Farm, Phoenix, Md.

	Lifetime			earnings
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	
10	3 (1)	5	1	\$172,377 (through Jan. 30)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 30.

Candida H., a 4-year-old daughter of Lemon Drop Kid, drove past Brenda's Way

down the stretch to win the Conniver Stakes at Laurel Park Jan. 30.

It was the third victory, and first in a stakes, for Robert Meyerhoff's second-generation homebred, who races in the name of Fitzhugh LLC. Trained by Mike Trombetta, she attempted stakes competition once before, finishing fourth in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship at the end of her 2-year-old season. From 10 career starts, she has nine on-the-board finishes.

Candida H. is out of stakes winner Magical Broad (by Broad Brush). She's from the illustrious family Meyerhoff developed from Illeria, a graded stakes-winning daughter of Stop the Music he purchased at Keeneland in 1994 for \$350,000 while carrying her first foal.

Illeria was one of a core group of mares Meyerhoff purchased to be bred to his young stallion Broad Brush. To the cover of Broad Brush and his son Concern, Illeria

produced seven stakes performers, four of them stakes winners. In addition to Magical Broad, Illeria is the dam of Grade 1-winning millionaire and Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Include, Maryland-bred champion filly Magic Broad and \$645,330-earner Encaustic. When bred to Dixie Union, she produced stakes winner Broad Rule.

Candida H. is the fourth foal out of Magical Broad, and her first stakes performer. Magical Broad produced Candida H.'s year-younger full brother, named Magical Lemon, for Meyerhoff before being sold at the Keeneland January all ages sale in 2014 for \$72,000 while in foal to English Channel.

The Conniver Stakes had its 48th running this year, and among its alumni are not only notable runners, but major stakes producers, including War Exchange, Silver Tango, La Reine Elaine and Secret Prospect.

Meyerhoff bred two other winners of the Conniver-Fleet Broad, whom he campaigned to win in 1994, and Brush Over, winner of the 1998 running who had been claimed away from the breeder in her second career start in 1997. Both became stakes producers.



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MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

January arrivals (clockwise from top left): Jump Start colt out of D Hatman Thoroughbreds' multiple stakes winner Staged Affair; Curlin filly, the first foal out of Sycamore Hall's The Careless Cat; Thornmar's Redeemed filly out of Crying the Blues.



- CAVAN THUNDER, by Jump Start, b.f., Jan. 29, by Into Mischief. Country Life Farm and Raise You 3 LLC. Mare to Verzazano.
- CLARENDON FANCY, by Malibu Moon, dk.b./br.f., Jan. 27, by Temple City. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Colonel John.
- CRYING THE BLUES, by Kiridashi, b.f., Jan. 29, by Redeemed. Thornmar. Mare to Redeemed.
- DEVILISH BLUES, by Gators N Bears, dk.b./br.c., Feb. 1, by Baltimore Bob. Double NK Partnership and D. Jankiewicz. Mare to Baltimore Bob.
- GIMME THE GOLD, by Touch Gold, ch.f., Feb. 3, by Algorithms. Michael and Debbie Horning. Mare to Trappe Shot.
- MAM'SELLE SABATIER, by Mutakddim, ch.c., Feb. 6, by Nicenor. Robert Gerczak.
- MISS DOCTOR TY, by King Cugat, b.f., Feb. 4, by Flat Out. Ashbourne Stables.
- MY AUNT DIANNE, by Norquestor, dk.b./br.c., Jan. 30, by Baltimore Bob. James B. Steele Jr.
- NAIVE ENOUGH, by Street Sense, b.f., Jan. 16, by Verrazano. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Ghostzapper.
- PERFECTLY AWESOME, by Awesome Again, ch.f., Jan. 21, by Maclean's Music. Barak Farm. Mare to Atreides.
- STAGED AFFAIR, by Not For Love, b.c., Jan. 25, by Jump Start. D Hatman Thoroughbreds. Mare to Elusive Quality.

Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland

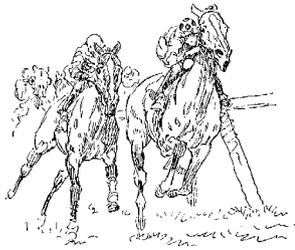
Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race



Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race. Maryland-bred bonuses for Maryland Million Day are calculated separately.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
October 26 to December 6, 2015.

Breeder bonuses

Alberts Racing LLC—DUBIOUS INTENT: Nov. 6, 3rd race, \$1,701.
At Last Farm LLC—SILVER LEGEND: Nov. 11, 5th race, \$2,565.
Joseph Ayres Jr.—BELLE ALLESSANDRA: Nov. 28, 3rd race, \$726.
Sarah L. Barker—GRAND NOTION: Nov. 29, 3rd race, \$1,386.
David Baxter—PRORATION: Oct. 30, 10th race, \$528; Nov. 29, 1st race, \$528. (\$1,056)
Bender and Bender LLC—ARUBAN TRUTH: Nov. 7, 10th race, \$2,394. CLASSIC WILDCAT: Oct. 31, 8th race, \$945. CRUISE MORE: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$7,182. LA REINE'S GEM: Oct. 31, 7th race, \$693. SOUP D'COUPE: Nov. 15, 1st race, \$1,134; Nov. 22, 5th race, \$1,449. VISION OF GREEN: Oct. 31, 5th race, \$2,394. ZIPTIME: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$2,646. (\$18,837)
Estate of Howard M. Bender—LA REINE'S GEM: Dec. 6, 7th race, \$924. STREET CRUIZER: Nov. 27, 7th race, \$1,320. VISION OF GREEN: Nov. 26, 2nd race, \$3,249. (\$5,493)
Christ is King Stable—BOON COMPANION: Nov. 6, 3rd race, \$891.
Joe Bickel—DUMPSTER DIVA: Dec. 6, 9th race, \$2,736.
Black Fox Farm—LIONHEARTED LADY: Dec. 5, 9th race, \$3,000.
Bonita Farm—EVE: Dec. 6, 1st race, \$3,762.
Frank A. Bonsal Jr.—NO PROMISES: Nov. 8, 4th race, \$3,762.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—BARAKEH: Nov. 29, 2nd race, \$594. IRINA BARANOVA: Nov. 26, 9th race, \$7,182. (\$7,776)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Brooke Bowman—VIELSALM: Nov. 15, 7th race, \$7,695.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—MY MAGICIAN: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$7,182.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Quin Bowman—LEGAL PUNCH: Nov. 6, 7th race, \$1,386.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dutrow Thoroughbred Ent. Inc. and Rebecca Davis—EASY RIVER: Oct. 31, 6th race, \$6,840.
Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman—CONCEALED IDENTITY: Nov. 11, 3rd race, \$759.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Northview Stallion Station—JUMPIN JULIAN: Dec. 5, 10th race, \$726.
Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—GRACE IS A BEAUTY: Dec. 6, 4th race, \$825.
Cordelia Stables LLC—AIRLIE'S DIAMOND: Nov. 14, 11th race, \$891.
Country Life Farm, Friesian Fire Syndicate and Mary and Clifton Cornwell—FLASH MCCAUL: Nov. 11, 4th race, \$2,646.
Country Roads Ltd.—TED'S MEMOIRES: Nov. 21, 4th race, \$2,394.
Margaret and John Crane—SLIP AND DRIVE: Oct. 31, 9th race, \$7,695.
James H. Cronk and CLF/Hughes LLC—FANTOD: Oct. 30, 4th race, \$1,449; Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$3,078; Nov. 29, 7th race, \$3,078. (\$7,605)

Dark Hollow Farm and William Paca Beatson—HOMEBOYKRIS: Nov. 28, 1st race, \$2,565.
David DiPietro and Herbert A. May III—Q'S JACK: Oct. 31, 8th race, \$495; Nov. 28, 1st race, \$945. (\$1,440)
Marilyn Doetsch—DIAMONDBACK FIRE: Nov. 8, 1st race, \$1,890; Dec. 6, 2nd race, \$990. (\$2,880)
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stables Inc.—RAVEN RUSH: Nov. 11, 2nd race, \$1,089.
W. Dale and Joan Everett—TAKE ACHANCE ON ME: Dec. 6, 8th race, \$2,646.
Caroline Rebecca Finaccio and Thomas Finaccio—HENNESSY FIRE: Nov. 29, 8th race, \$2,520.
Fitzhugh, LLC—CANDIDA H.: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,485. GURSKY: Nov. 8, 3rd race, \$891; Nov. 28, 8th race, \$6,840. SUGIMOTO: Nov. 7, 3rd race, \$4,617. (\$13,833)
John Foster—ANYTHINGICANDOFORU: Nov. 27, 2nd race, \$2,565.
Robert Gerczak—EINSTEIN'S THEORY: Oct. 31, 5th race, \$462.
Cornelia S. Gibson—DANCING MAGICIAN: Nov. 14, 4th race, \$4,617.
Glade Valley Farms Inc.—MARYLAND MYSTIQUE: Nov. 26, 9th race, \$2,646.
Dan Green—WILLIE B MINE: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$1,386.
Green Willow Farms—ONE PROUD GAL: Nov. 21, 9th race, \$2,835; Dec. 5, 8th race, \$1,485. (\$4,320)
Jean W. Harris—ONEGREATSTEP: Nov. 28, 4th race, \$945.
Holly House Farm—HERO'S NOTION: Nov. 26, 8th race, \$2,565.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montouri—TOUGH TEDDY: Nov. 21, 8th race, \$2,520.
Michael and Debbie Horning—CLEM GEM: Nov. 7, 2nd race, \$1,197. DEBBIE'S TUDE: Nov. 15, 5th race, \$1,449. IF I WAS A BOY: Nov. 6, 5th race, \$2,520. (\$5,166)
Hot Silks Racing Stable LLC—BULLSBOY: Nov. 26, 7th race, \$1,701.
Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: Nov. 6, 6th race, \$594.
R. Larry Johnson—IT'S THE JOURNEY: Nov. 28, 6th race, \$6,840. VALUE ADDED: Dec. 4, 1st race, \$891. (\$7,731)
Carol A. Kaye—SEE WHAT HAPPENS: Nov. 1, 4th race, \$2,520.
Carol A. Kaye and Robert Gerczak—PEPPER-MINT PRINCE: Nov. 7, 7th race, \$495.
Edward Krishack—SAINT EDDIE: Oct. 30, 1st race, \$1,386; Nov. 15, 9th race, \$1,386. (\$2,772)
Legacy Farm—WINNING ROAD: Nov. 28, 6th race, \$2,520.
Liberty Hill Farm—ZILLIONS: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$495.
Little Man Farm—OUTFIELDER: Nov. 7, 3rd race, \$1,701.
Robert T. Manfuso—CATHRYN SOPHIA: Dec. 5, 5th race, \$18,000.
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—D C DANCER: Dec. 4, 6th race, \$3,150. KAITAIN:

Nov. 29, 5th race, \$2,520. PURPLE FRIDAY: Nov. 22, 2nd race, \$3,078. (\$8,748)
Marathon Farms Inc.—CURLIN'S KID: Nov. 7, 7th race, \$2,565; Nov. 22, 1st race, \$945. LEXINGTON STREET: Nov. 27, 6th race, \$7,182. SHOWALTER: Nov. 29, 8th race, \$6,840. (\$17,532)
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—HURRICANE CREEK: Dec. 4, 5th race, \$1,134.
Donna M. Miller—THE GREAT PROVIDER: Nov. 6, 4th race, \$4,788.
Gretchen B. Moberley—BEST NUMBER: Dec. 4, 10th race, \$528. PAULINE'S PRIDE: Nov. 26, 4th race, \$2,646. (\$3,174)
Athol W. Morgan LLC—DR BOLT: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$945.
Wayne and Juanita Morris—LAST CONFESSION: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$3,078.
Audrey Murray—LILY'S PEAK: Nov. 28, 4th race, \$2,565. TIME TO SPARE: Nov. 28, 5th race, \$1,638. (\$4,203)
Nancy Lee Farms—OFFICER BUNS: Nov. 6, 8th race, \$2,835.
Steven Newby—CHRISTMAS BARN: Nov. 11, 9th race, \$2,565.
Non Stop Stable and ZWP Stable—HANKY DODDLE: Nov. 8, 2nd race, \$495; Nov. 26, 5th race, \$2,565. (\$3,060)
Northview Stallion Station—MICHELLE: Nov. 28, 10th race, \$1,386.
Cynthia J. Pence and Philip Spingler—DEPUTY FANCY: Oct. 30, 3rd race, \$1,890; Nov. 21, 2nd race, \$759. (\$2,649)
Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—LEGAL PRECEDENT: Nov. 11, 2nd race, \$2,079. VISIONARY WONDER: Oct. 31, 1st race, \$945. (\$3,024)
A. John Price and David Wade—MANDY'S PUNCH: Nov. 28, 2nd race, \$945.
Mary Anne Ridgely and Melissa Covolessky—E DUBAI'S HUMOR: Nov. 21, 9th race, \$7,695.
Mary Anne Ridgely, Melissa Covolessky and Donald Barr—COLONEL MELISSA: Nov. 26, 10th race, \$2,394.
Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slys—NOT FOR FUN: Nov. 29, 1st race, \$2,736.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr.—SOLID SILVER: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$1,386.
Gina Rosenthal and Robin Coblyn—KING OF VERSAILLES: Dec. 6, 2nd race, \$5,130.
Sagamore Farm LLC—DE MARQUEE: Nov. 1, 6th race, \$8,550.
Dr. Stephen Sinatra—ADMIRALS WAR CHEST: Nov. 27, 8th race, \$1,485.
Skeedattle Associates—LOOK WHO'S TALKING: Nov. 11, 4th race, \$1,386. SIMMADOWNNOW: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$1,386; Nov. 28, 9th race, \$7,182. (\$9,954)
William M. Steinbuch Jr.—CEREBRAL: Nov. 11, 7th race, \$2,835.
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—CONSISTENCY: Nov. 26, 8th race, \$945. MAGNUM OPUS: Nov. 6, 4th race, \$924. ROCKINN ON BYE: Nov. 1, 3rd race, \$6,840. TABLE JUMPER: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$3,000. WELCOME FAIRBANKS: Dec. 4, 2nd race, \$759. (\$12,468)
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—JUMP FOR LOVE: Nov. 27, 6th race, \$1,386.
James F. Thames—KADIE'S HORSEPLAY: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$6,840.
Thornham Farm LLC—NEXT BEST THING: Dec. 4, 3rd race, \$495. PRET SAY EYE: Nov. 27, 9th race, \$7,182; Dec. 5, 3rd race, \$3,591. REASON TO BELIEVE: Nov. 21, 10th race, \$1,008. SAL-SALITO: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$594; Nov. 29, 10th race, \$882; Dec. 5, 2nd race, \$882. (\$14,634)
Dr. Wendy Walker—PERIGEE MOON SLIDE: Nov. 22, 10th race, \$528.
Linda M. Walls—BAMA SAM: Dec. 5, 10th race, \$1,386.
Susan H. Wantz—C V EIS: Nov. 6, 2nd race, \$1,134.
Robert M. Watkins—MADBOBANDSHAN: Oct. 31, 7th race, \$3,591; Nov. 14, 1st race, \$2,016. (\$5,607)

Stallion bonuses

BULLSBAY (Bullsboy): Nov. 26, 7th race, \$567.
Irina Baranova: Nov. 26, 9th race, \$2,394. Last Confession: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$1,026. Prora-

tion: Oct. 30, 10th race, \$176; Nov. 29, 1st race, \$176; Bullsbay Syndicate—\$4,339.
CHEROKEE'S BOY (Dr Bolt): Nov. 7, 4th race, \$315. Hanky Doodle: Nov. 8, 2nd race, \$165; Nov. 26, 5th race, \$855; ZWP Stable—\$1,335.
DANCE WITH RAVENS (Pauline's Pride): Nov. 26, 4th race, \$882. Purple Friday: Nov. 22, 2nd race, \$1,026. Raven Rush: Nov. 11, 2nd race, \$363. Saint Eddie: Oct. 30, 1st race, \$462; Nov. 15, 9th race, \$462. Salsalito: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$198; Nov. 29, 10th race, \$294; Dec. 5, 2nd race, \$294. Solid Silver: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$462; Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$4,443.
DEPUTY STORM (Deputy Fanc): Oct. 30, 3rd race, \$630; Nov. 21, 2nd race, \$253. Legal Punch: Nov. 6, 7th race, \$462; Deputy Storm Syndicate—\$1,345.
ELUSIVE CHARLIE (Admirals War Chest): Nov. 27, 8th race, \$495; Sinatra Thor Breeding and Racing LLC.
ETCHED (Eve): Dec. 6, 1st race, \$1,254; Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership
FANTASTICAT (Hurricane Creek): Dec. 4, 5th race, \$378; Fantastical Syndicate.
FRIESAN FIRE (Belle Alessandra): Nov. 28, 3rd race, \$242. Diamondback Fire: Nov. 8, 1st race, \$630; Dec. 6, 2nd race, \$330; Flash McCaul: Nov. 11, 4th race, \$882; Hennessy Fire: Nov. 29, 8th race, \$840; Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$2,924.
GREAT NOTION (Grand Notion): Nov. 29, 3rd race, \$462. Hero's Notion: Nov. 26, 8th race, \$855; Great Notion Syndicate—\$1,317.
LA REINE'S TERMS (La Reine's Gem): Oct. 31, 7th race, \$231; Dec. 6, 7th race, \$308; Bender and Bender LLC—\$539.
LION HEARTED (Christmas Barn): Nov. 11, 9th race, \$855. Dubious Intent: Nov. 6, 3rd race, \$567. Lionhearted Lady: Dec. 5, 9th race, \$1,000. Ted's Memoires: Nov. 21, 4th race, \$798. Willie B Mine: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$462; Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$3,682.
LOUIS QUATORZE (Lily's Peak): Nov. 28, 4th race, \$855; Audrey Murray for Louis Quatorze Syndicate.
LOUIS QUATORZE Madbobandshan: Oct. 31, 7th race, \$1,197. Madbobandshan: Nov. 14, 1st race, \$672. Onegreatstep: Nov. 28, 4th race, \$315; Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$3,039.
NOT FOR LOVE (D C Dancer): Dec. 4, 6th race, \$1,050. Easy River: Oct. 31, 6th race, \$2,280. No Promises: Nov. 8, 4th race, \$1,254. Zillions: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$165; Not For Love Syndicate—\$4,749.
OUTFLANKER (Grace Is a Beauty): Dec. 6, 4th race, \$275. Kadie'shorseplay: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$2,280. Outfielder: Nov. 7, 3rd race, \$567. Q's Jack: Oct. 31, 8th race, \$165; Nov. 28, 1st race, \$315; Outflanker Syndicate—\$3,602.
PARKER'S STORM CAT (Fantod): Oct. 30, 4th race, \$483; Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$1,026; Nov. 29, 7th race, \$1,026; Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—\$2,535.
ROCK SLIDE (Dumpster Diva): Dec. 6, 9th race, \$912. Perigee Moon Slide: Nov. 22, 10th race, \$176; Shamrock Farms—\$1,088.
SCIPION (King of Versailles): Dec. 6, 2nd race, \$1,710. Time to Spare: Nov. 28, 5th race, \$546; Scipion Syndicate—\$2,256.
STREET MAGICIAN (Dancing Magician): Nov. 14, 4th race, \$1,539. My Magician: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$2,394. Value Added: Dec. 4, 1st race, \$297; R. Larry Johnson—\$4,230.
TWO PUNCH (Mandy's Punch): Nov. 28, 2nd race, \$315; Two Punch Syndicate.

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5. Final Prospect 37,845	15. Bioterp 24,453
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Maryland's leading sires

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these statistics were compiled on February 2. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2016. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	42	47	5	6	\$150,522
Friesan Fire	18	22	2	2	120,005
Lion Hearted	28	35	4	4	110,036
Orientate	33	43	4	4	109,708
Scipion	20	31	2	3	72,089
Petionville	27	32	4	4	63,367
Louis Quatorze	19	23	2	2	49,643
Outflanker	15	18	3	3	42,731
M Eighty	3	7	2	2	37,757
Great Notion	12	13	1	1	36,928
Two Punch	12	16	1	1	33,424
Rock Slide	14	17	1	1	31,801
Showing Up	5	7	2	2	19,798
Street Magician	7	8	0	0	11,397
Gators N Bears	5	5	1	1	8,220
Admiral Alex	2	2	0	0	7,644
Greek Sun	2	3	0	0	6,216

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	781	16,986	623	2,553	\$71,382,728
Two Punch	938	18,016	732	2,650	54,622,906
Orientate	608	11,929	471	1,757	42,186,817
Petionville	604	12,919	477	1,782	41,451,663
Louis Quatorze	754	13,996	557	1,863	35,374,150
Outflanker	405	8,622	304	1,239	27,009,652
Lion Hearted	481	8,553	362	1,192	26,897,218
Go for Gin	322	6,025	212	714	18,758,710
Great Notion	142	2,027	111	332	9,929,474
Rock Slide	201	3,185	134	350	9,219,554
Mojave Moon	153	3,069	106	336	5,894,318
Gators N Bears	124	1,745	71	214	5,600,006
Scipion	86	1,525	53	187	4,240,036
Cherokee's Boy	62	1,064	41	117	3,172,201
Showing Up	74	778	44	92	1,829,862
Greek Sun	26	425	18	40	1,146,795
Street Magician	37	272	22	29	1,138,286
M Eighty	12	242	10	39	823,557
Narrative (Ire)	52	777	26	81	806,997
Friesan Fire	30	114	11	13	617,906
Regal American	17	289	10	30	514,843

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	352	1,121	135	181	\$6,710,323
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	339	1,065	128	169	4,820,882
Petionville	358	1,116	118	147	4,654,777
Louis Quatorze	333	1,034	103	129	3,466,847
Outflanker	216	875	91	122	3,283,413
Lion Hearted	218	711	80	110	3,050,991
Great Notion	54	159	22	34	1,192,212
Rock Slide	87	283	23	34	1,037,369
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Scipion	45	198	23	30	881,213
Mojave Moon	84	326	25	30	666,532
Cherokee's Boy	19	77	8	13	573,930
Gators N Bears	52	182	18	21	524,101
Friesan Fire	29	92	10	11	497,901
Showing Up	33	117	9	12	376,462
Street Magician	18	67	6	7	312,611
Greek Sun	13	55	1	1	143,355