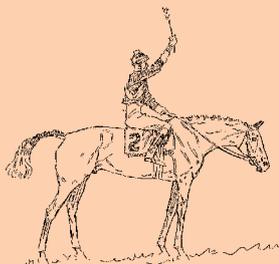


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Huntsman Geoff Hyde: Icon strengthened by the pony that threw him

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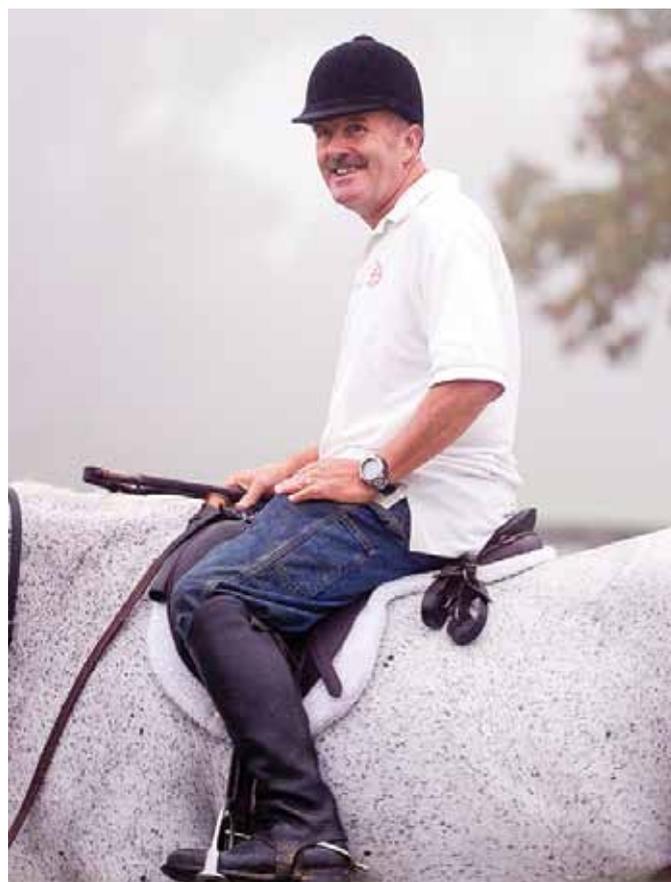
If Geoff Hyde were to pinpoint a moment when he glimpsed his future, he might pick his first foxhunt. He was 12, hunting with the Bellwood Hunt, a Chester County, Pennsylvania, pack notorious for its speed. That speed, Hyde says now, got him "hooked."

Odd, perhaps, given the circumstances of that first day.

Hyde's pony Dairy King stumbled on rocky, hilly ground—offing his rider. Keen on the hunt, several riders galloped past before a nice older hunter stopped to help. Hyde remounted and sped off behind the pack. From that point, there was no looking back.

For 33 years, Hyde has pursued his passion for hunting professionally. He recently started his 23rd year as huntsman for the Elkridge-Harford Hounds, a job he considers the best in a long career that began when he was 19 and includes three years whipping-in for the Pickering Hunt, six years with the Green Spring Valley Hounds and two years with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds.

For Hyde, 53, hunting is the most upbeat part of his



job, especially the August-October cubbing season. His alarm sings at 4:30 a.m. for the 6 a.m. hunt. During these early months, he trains the

hounds to hunt fox and ignore deer among other lessons. He hunts four days a week with the Elkridge-Harford pack and rides every day. On a



Elkridge-Harford hunts three days a week in season; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Hyde and staff engage the hounds in morning exercise. A huntsman is “always trying to improve the pack,” Hyde says.

typical hunting day, his field consists of 15 to 20 riders, with upwards of 100 on a big day.

His enjoyment affects those who hunt with him and helps distinguish him as a huntsman. On hunting with Hyde the past 10 years, Kerry Smyth exclaimed, “Oh boy! I am spoiled rotten.”

Liz McKnight, a master at Elkridge-Harford, agreed that Hyde “makes our hunt as good as it is. He is an extremely dedicated and passionate huntsman.”

Maryanna Skowronski, who has volunteered with Hyde for more than 20 years and has served as an honorary whipper-in the past 10, singled out Hyde’s dedication to the job.

“It’s not all whip-cracking glamour,” she said. “He has never missed a day of hunting, even when he was sick. He is so dedicated to his job;

he doesn’t want to disappoint anyone.”

Last year, Hyde did take a day off—with a broken rib.

As for his favorite hunter, Hyde said, “I’ve had a lot of good ones and a lot of not so good ones.” One particular hunter he remembers riding is Big Bob, an 18-hand horse his wife Lani found and helped train. Big Bob, Hyde recalled, “could jump anything.”

Like many in the Mid-Atlantic foxhunting fields, Hyde got a taste of race riding at area point-to-points going back to the early 1980s. One special hunter, Mondawmin, helped Hyde experience Maryland timber racing at its best with two starts in the Edward S. Voss Memorial open timber at the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point. They were sixth in 1999 and 2000, racing alongside such stalwarts as Welter

Weight, Swayo, Florida Law and others.

Like that early foxhunting trip, the experiences planted the seed.

“For a while,” Hyde said, “all I wanted to do was ride over timber.”

He ultimately chose to be a huntsman, which did not prevent him from riding talented Thoroughbreds in the hunt field and on weekends as an outrider at steeplechase meets and point-to-points.

Back in 1984, he experienced a thrill beyond that of even steeplechase jockeys—as an outrider at the Maryland Hunt Cup. Tong, the 1982 race winner, fell at the fifth fence with owner/trainer/jockey Turney McKnight.

On his hands and knees, likely swearing the ground, McKnight did not give Tong much thought when the horse galloped off toward the woods. That soon changed: When he returned to the paddock, McKnight was thrown into a car and told that Tong was galloping down I-83, chased by police.

“I thought I would never see Tong alive again,” McKnight said.

At that moment, another phenomenon was in motion. Hyde galloped down Shawan Road to the highway on his hunter in pursuit of Tong who, notorious for heading home, was charging south down the middle of the expressway—toward Baltimore. Hyde somehow cornered the horse by a thorn bush and caught him.

“If you made it up,” Hyde said, “no one would believe you.”

Tong eventually healed and went on to capture the 1986 Hunt Cup with Liz McKnight on board. “Forever after,” Turney McKnight said, “Geoff Hyde has been my hero.”

Legendary events aside, Hyde says one of the most gratifying and fascinating aspects of a huntsman’s job is creating his pack of hounds. Having inherited a strong pack when he took over at Elkridge-Harford, Hyde preserved many of the existing

bloodlines as he added new ones, because a huntsman is “always trying to improve the pack. It is never stagnant.”

Under Hyde’s stewardship, the pack has shown and won classes at the Canadian Hound Show and the Mid-American Hound Show.

Hyde especially remembers Fairfax, a hound distinguished by championship honors at the Virginia Hound Show, Bryn Mawr Hound Show and Maryland Puppy Show.

“He is an excellent handler of hounds; he is hard to beat,” Skowronski said of Hyde. “But the blue ribbon doesn’t matter.”

It is a gift he has passed on to his 11-year-old daughter, Darby. Hyde speaks proudly of her interest in hounds, a spark that took when she was 4. In addition, she helps whip in and exercise the hounds with her dad.

Hyde cherishes times like those with his wife and daughter, and the simple day-to-day blessings of his job. One special moment came on the last day of the past hunt season. Hyde had invited visitors from Green Spring, his former hunt club, to join in a hunt with Elkridge-Harford’s bitch pack. That morning, Hyde watched as, without prompting or correction, the pack took off across a nice line “screaming” down Old York Road and through St. James Woods with “cries so intense” and “changes of pitch unaided by me.” They covered much ground that morning and backed the huntsman’s relentless pursuit—to become better every season.

Hyde carries this to his own training, continuing to take riding lessons so that he can sharpen his skills and suppress bad habits. Like his hounds, he feels a true huntsman “never stops learning.”

And he stresses that that education should start early. Still mindful of the lessons of his childhood hunt experience, Hyde said, a key to hunting success is “giving young people the speed. . . and letting them go.”

MRMA Crab Feast date moved to November 19

Originally scheduled in October, the annual Maryland Racing Media Association (MRMA) Crab Feast will be held on Saturday, November 19, in the Carriage Room at Laurel Park. Tickets are still available for \$60 apiece, \$550 for a table of 10.

This year, MRMA will present at the event approximately \$30,000 in scholarships to college enrollees working in Maryland on a backstretch, farm, training center or in an equine veterinary clinic.

In addition, the annual awardees for outstanding

achievement within the Maryland racing industry will be honored.

MRMA awards its highest honor, the Humphrey S. Finney Award, to the late Lucy Acton. The Finney recognizes lifetime contributions to state racing interests, and Acton exceeded the requirement as a respected, devoted editor and writer for *The Maryland Horse* and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* for more than 25 years before her death on June 7.

Richard C. Hoffberger, president of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, will receive MRMA's Achievement Award and Graham Motion, trainer

of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Animal Kingdom, its Newsmaker Award.

A silent auction of racing memorabilia to help fund the scholarship program will also be held that evening. Among the special items available for bidding are a saddle towel worn by Animal Kingdom and rose petals from his Kentucky Derby blanket, and a Havre de Grace package (with photo, tee-shirt and bumper sticker, and a hat signed by Ramon Dominquez).

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MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAP



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Comet of Love



Jameela Stakes

\$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 10.

Ch.f., 2007, by Not For Love—Amber Comet, by Americo's Bullet. Bred and owned by The Elkstone Group LLC; trained by Thomas Iannotti IV. Foaled at Murrur Farm, Darlington, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
23	11 (1)	5 (1)	1	\$216,555
				(through Sept. 10)

2010: 2nd Tax Free Shopping Distaff S. 2011: 1st \$60,000 Jameela, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 10.

The Elkstone Group LLC's ultra-consistent Comet

of Love got her 11th victory from 23 lifetime starts with a smart score in the \$60,000 Jameela Stakes, the co-feature on Laurel Park's fall meet opening Saturday card on September 10.

Ridden by Ricardo Chiappe for trainer Tom Iannotti, the Delaware Park-based filly broke in mid-pack, raced fourth down the backstretch, split horses through the turn and spurted away with authority. She won by a diminishing three-quarters of a length as post time favorite, and defending champion Fascinatin' Rhythm closed quickly to finish second.

Comet of Love, a 4-year-old daughter of Not For Love, covered the six furlongs in 1:10.86 and paid \$8.40 as the third choice in the field of eight Maryland-bred fillies and mares. Profit finished another length back in third, followed by Lion in the Sun, Fools in Love, Baltimore Belle, Serenadia and Devilish Blues.

It was the first stakes victory for Comet of Love, Chiappe and Iannotti.

"She's been a tremendous surprise," said Iannotti, a former assistant to Tony Dutrow. "She came to us with such humble expectations. She's

just cleared every single hurdle we've put in front of her. Ricky [Chiappe] has done fantastic with her. He's the only guy who's ever ridden her for us."

Comet of Love is six-nine this year and has yet to finish off the board while racing primarily in starter and allowance company. Once a regular competitor at the \$5,000 claiming level earlier in her career, she also has five seconds and a third in her career, and earnings of \$216,555.

Bred by her owner, Stuart Grant's Delaware-based The Elkstone Group, Comet of Love is the second foal out of Amber Comet, a stakes-placed daughter of Maryland sire Americo's Bullet. Heather, a 3-year-old full sister to Comet of Love, was stakes-placed twice this past winter at Laurel when second in the Marshua and third in the Wide Country Stakes. With a record of 4-2-1-1, Heather has earnings of \$73,500. Amber Comet has an unraced 2-year-old son of Not For Love named The Camden Comet and produced a filly by Kodiak Cowboy this past February.

Julia Colhoun receives S. Bryce Wing trophy

The Maryland Hunt Cup Association announced that it has presented the S. Bryce Wing silver trophy in 2011 to Julia Fisher Colhoun for outstanding contributions to Maryland timber racing.

Colhoun, whose family has deep ties to the Hunt Cup, won this year's race with a dominating performance by Private Attack. Trained by Alicia Murphy, the 12-year-old took America's oldest steeplechase by 60 lengths after seven of his nine challengers failed to finish.

Colhoun's father, Janon Fisher Jr., was the legendary trainer of Hunt Cup titans Blockade and Mountain Dew, each a three-time winner.

"Based on her family's success and her competitive nature, it is natural that Julie



DOUGLAS LEES

always dreamed of having a Maryland Hunt Cup horse of her own," said race secretary Sherlock Gillet. "Anyone who wants an example of the difficulty in making a Hunt Cup winner need only review the career of Private Attack. Hap-

pily, 27 starts and seven years after his 2003 beginning, Private Attack was entered in his fourth Maryland Hunt Cup where his connections enjoyed a trip to the Red [winners'] Wagon. The end of a long Fisher dry spell."

Schooled early in horsemanship, Julie hunted with the Green Spring Valley hounds and exercised her father's horses in the days before women were permitted to ride races.

As an adult, Julie, with husband Dan and her children, especially son Danny, have campaigned a number of runners over timber in the Sportsman's Hall silks.

The Colhouns have been active in polo – for two years, Dan had used Private Attack as a polo pony after buying

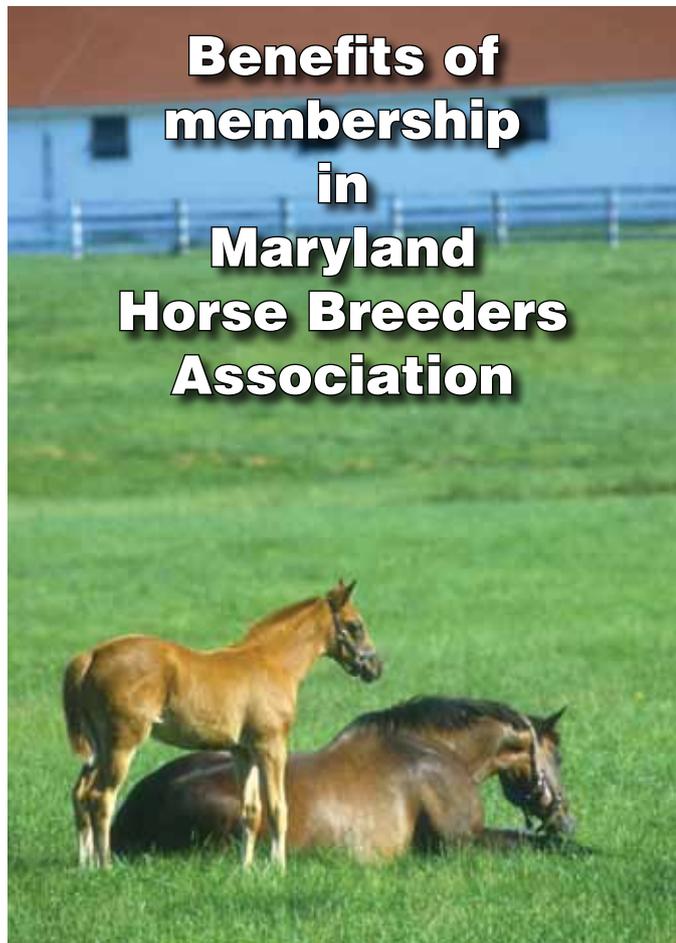
the emaciated horse cheaply and restoring his health.

They also were the first to place their farm in the Maryland Land Preservation Foundation more than 30 years ago. "In keeping to her Fisher roots, Julie has lived a life of service to Maryland farms, Maryland families and Maryland traditions," Gillet said.

The Bryce Wing Award is not given annually; rather, when the award committee deems it justified. First presented in 1976, the trophy has been conveyed 25 times in the ensuing 35 years.

Bryce Wing was a member of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association from 1939 until 1975, when he died at age 85. He was secretary of the Maryland Hunt Cup from 1956 to 1966 and president of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association (now the National Steeplechase Association) from 1948 to 1964. He also was a member of The Jockey Club and a Master of Foxhounds at Elkridge-Harford.

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Cracked Claw to close

The Cracked Claw restaurant, Maryland's oldest and most productive off-track betting facility, was to cease operations amid chronic financial losses, its owners announced on September 6. The closing leaves the state with three OTB sites.

Owners John (Pappy) Poole and wife Barbara (B.J.) Poole decided to close the Frederick County restaurant on October 9 with plans to sell the property to a developer they did not identify.

The Pooles had relocated the Cracked Claw from Germantown to the site of the old Peter Pan Restaurant in Urbana in 1989 and introduced off-track wagering in 1993.

Its wagers having totaled \$80 million in 1995, the Cracked Claw handled just \$19.6 million last year, a decline of 75.5 percent over those 15 years, according to Maryland Racing Commission figures. Despite the marked downturn, the Cracked Claw accounted for

51 percent of the state's \$38 million OTB handle in 2010. Moreover, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association executive secretary Wayne W. Wright said, the Cracked Claw contributed more than \$1 million annually to the Thoroughbred purse account.

The Pooles said a weak economy, increased business costs and competition from the Charles Town (W.Va.) casino brought declines in betting and restaurant proceeds. They said the unnamed developer began making inquiries on the two and a half-acre property in 2008 and plans to raze the building. Neither terms of the sale nor development plans were disclosed.

The Cracked Claw received 4.25 percent of its pari-

mutuel handle but netted only 1.5 percent after fees were paid to the Maryland Jockey Club, said Angel Poole-Nusbaum, who assisted her parents at the restaurant. According to Poole-Nusbaum, the MJC increased the Cracked Claw's share of the handle this year, but it was insufficient to offset other costs.

Poole-Nusbaum said the closing puts some 60 employees out of work. Weekly payroll averaged about \$10,000, Poole-Nusbaum said, with net revenues trending well short of that.

The three remaining OTBs on the Maryland circuit are the Cambridge Turf Club in Cambridge; Northeast Racing and Sports Club in North East, and Riverboat on the Potomac in Colonial Beach, Va. ■



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



ADAM COGLIANESE

Ask the Moon answers again in Grade 1 Personal Ensign Stakes

Ask the Moon notched her second Grade 1 victory of the Saratoga meet when leading from start to finish in the \$300,000 Personal Ensign Invitational Stakes on September 3.

The 6-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon, trained by

Marty Wolfson, went off as the 9-5 favorite in the field of six, and under jockey Javier Castellano galloped through an opening quarter-mile in a quick :23.43 and a half in :47.37 before repelling her lone challenger, Pachattack, and sailing to victory by two and three-quarters lengths. She covered the mile and a quarter in 2:04.21.

In her previous start, Ask the Moon scored at 18-1 in the Grade 1 Ruffian Invitational Handicap on July 31.

Out of the Valid Appeal mare Always Asking, Ask the Moon was making her first start at the distance. "Distance was definitely a worry, but she's all heart down the lane," said Heather Irion, Wolfson's assistant, who sad-

dled Ask the Moon. "She is all class, this horse."

Claimed by Farnsworth Stables for \$75,000 on June 15 at Belmont Park, Ask the Moon drifted out toward the center of the track at the three-sixteenths pole but never was threatened.

"She obviously loves this track," Irion said. "She's been amazing. We never dreamed she would do this when we claimed her. Marty loved her. He told me when he sent her over, 'This filly is really special to me.' But I think she has blown us away with two Grade 1 wins right off the bat."

At the start of the Personal Ensign, Ask the Moon went right out and made the pace, while two stalkers, Acronym and Pachattack, ran in tandem behind her as the rest of the field strung out on the backside. On the turn for home, Acronym fell back and Pachattack was the only horse to mount a serious challenge.

Castellano, aboard Ask the Moon for the second time, was impressed. "She improved," he said. "People said that maybe she got lucky last time. They let her go on the lead and [steal] the race. I don't think so. She improved a lot, she's a nice filly, she's

won two Grade 1s, and I'm glad to get on the filly."

With the \$180,000 first-place purse, Ask the Moon increased her lifetime earnings to \$713,640 and boasts a record of 10 wins from 32 starts. Bred in the name of Charles and Cynthia McGinnes and Country Life Farm, Ask the Moon was foaled at Thornmar in Chestertown and initially sold by the McGinneses for \$45,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling. She was later sold as a 2-year-old for \$125,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Selected sale.

Said Wolfson about Ask the Moon's recent wins: "I'm pleased but not surprised. I've been very high on this [mare]."

Wolfson, who watched the race from his base at Calder Race Course, noted that Ask the Moon's ultimate goal is the Breeders' Cup, then she will be sold at Keeneland's November Breeding Stock Sale.

"That's been the plan all along," Wolfson said.

Ben's Cat springs to first graded score in Turf Monster-G3

King T. Leatherbury's Ben's Cat, the Maryland-bred



champion sprinter and turf runner of 2010, has become a monster in 2011. With regular rider Jeremy Rose aboard, the dark bay produced a sensational patented rally down the stretch to nail Perfect Officer, Chamberlain Bridge and Streakin' Mohican at the wire in the Grade 3, \$350,000 Turf Monster Stakes on Labor Day, September 5, at Parx Racing. Ben's Cat's momentum gave him the victory by a half length as he got five furlongs over a firm turf in :57.30. Sent off as the 4.30-1 second-choice in the field of 11, Ben's Cat paid \$10.60 to win.

The victory in the Turf Monster, a Breeders' Cup Challenge Win and You're In event, ensured Ben's Cat a fees-paid spot in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G2 on November 5 at Churchill Downs. (Win and You're In horses receive an automatic starting position in the corresponding Championship race; pre-entry and entry fees paid; a travel allowance of \$10,000 for North American runners when they start in the Breeders' Cup World Championships; and a nominator award of \$10,000 to the person nominating the foal or race horse.) But with Ben's Cat not being Breeders' Cup nominated, Leatherbury said, "I'm not going to bet \$100,000 on my horse for that race [the cost of the nomination]. It's a lot of money—he'd have to come in third or better to make it pay. But if someone else wants to go partners with me and make him Breeders' Cup eligible, then I'd go."

It was the second consecutive stakes score, and fourth of the year from eight starts, for Ben's Cat. The 5-year-old gelded son of Parker's Storm Cat captured Penn National's \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup in his previous out-

ing on July 30. The \$210,000 winner's share of the Turf Monster purse boosted Ben's Cat earnings to \$676,230 and was his 12th win in 17 starts.

Chamberlain Bridge, winner of the Turf Monster the last two years and the defending Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint champion, was a neck behind Perfect Officer in third.

Ben's Cat and his dam, the stakes-placed Thirty Eight Paces mare Twofox, were both bred by Leatherbury. Twofox is a full or half-sister to two Maryland-bred champions, multiple graded stakes winner Thirty Eight Go Go, an earner of \$871,229, and graded stakes winner Notches Trace. Another full sister, Endette, is the dam of Maryland-bred champion and \$918,874-earner Ah Day and Maryland Million Classic winner Due.

Barren for 2011, Twofox is currently in foal to Street Magician. Ben's Cat is her first stakes performer.

Calder's Dolly Jo Stakes goes to Bessie M

Platinum Esquestian Corporation's Bessie M has put together a solid 3-year-old campaign, but remedied the one thing lacking when recording her first career stakes victory on September 24 in the \$55,000 Dolly Jo Stakes at Calder Race Course. Under Daniel Centeno, Bessie M rallied through the stretch in the six-furlong stakes to catch speedy frontrunner Afleet Lass and draw off to win by two and a quarter lengths. Her final time was 1:10.81.

It was the ninth start of the year for the daughter of Medallist, who hails from the barn of Calder's leading trainer Antonio Sano, and the bay filly's fourth win, to go with two seconds and three thirds in her sophomore season. Bessie M, who just missed when beaten a head two starts back in the Leave Me Alone Stakes at Calder on June 11, has earned \$105,624 for the year; her lifetime mark is 13-5-3-3 and \$126,604.

Sano claimed Bessie M for \$25,000 from owner William Harris and trainer A. Ferris Allen at Gulfstream Park in her 3-year-old debut on January 22. The filly, a maiden winner (in a dead heat) at Monmouth Park in August 2010, was bred by Charles and Cynthia McGinnes at their Thornmar farm in Chestertown.

Bessie M is the third foal out of the \$111,226-earner Catalita, by Mountain Cat. The McGinneses purchased Catalita for \$25,000 at the Adena Springs Broodmare sale in November 2005 while in foal to Macho Uno. Bessie M was sold by her breeders for \$5,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale to Sarah Barker. The filly reappeared at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May 2-year-olds in training sale in the consignment of agent Bill Reightler, where Harris purchased her for \$35,000.



JIM MCCUE

Eighttofastto catch happy for return to Laurel Park

Sylvia E. Heft's Eighttofastto catch, the third stakes winner for leading Maryland sire Not For Love in less than two hours on September 10, exploded by the pacesetters and won as his rider pleased in the Japan Racing Association Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at Laurel Park.

The \$75,000 race, which included a \$25,000 Maryland Fund bonus for registered Maryland-bred runners, was originally scheduled for a mile and a sixteenth on the turf but was switched to one mile on the main track after a week of rain. With regular rider Sheldon Russell attending a wedding in the United Kingdom, Malcolm Franklin

piloted the 5-year-old chestnut gelding for trainer Tim Keefe.

Eighttofastto catch, who got his sixth win from 18 career starts around the Laurel oval, raced comfortably in third for most of the trip before easing out at the top of the lane, accelerating to the lead and galloping away.

"I'd describe it as explosive," said Franklin. "He was rating nice behind a horse. Once I found some room he kicked on and gave a nice turn of foot."

Sent off as the third-choice in the field of seven, Eighttofastto catch completed the distance in 1:35.43, one second off the track record, and paid \$9 to win. He finished four and a half lengths in front of Nacho Friend, with Maryland-bred Indian Dance another three-quarters of a length back in third.

Eighttofastto catch followed Not Abroad (in the DTHA Governors Day Stakes at Delaware Park) and Comet of Love (the Jameela Stakes at Laurel) as Not For Love's stakes winners on the day.

"We knew the horse was coming into the race well," Keefe said. "We gauge the Maryland Million so we have carefully plotted his races. It didn't matter that the race came off the turf. He likes the slop or a fast track. The only question I had was our rider. Malcolm is a very good rider, but he has never been on the horse. I tried not to give him too many instructions but told him what Sheldon and our plan has always been, which is to rate. He did a nice job."

Eighttofastto catch was bred by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm and Graham Motion's Herringwell Stable. He is the 11th foal from the prolific producer Too Fast to Catch. Herself a stakes-placed earner of \$109,180, Too Fast to Catch has been represented by 11 winners from 13 starters, including one other stakes performer—the 1995 Two Punch gelding Storm Punch, who won the Primer Stakes and

was four times stakes-placed, including a third in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G1.

Sold for \$47,000 at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, Eight-tofasttocatch recorded his first added-money victory when taking Laurel's closing day feature this past March, the \$75,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes. He has seven wins, four seconds and four thirds from 27 starts, for earnings of \$253,190.



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Not Abroad finds stakes success at Delaware

Timothy Cunningham's Not Abroad, the Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old of 2010, recorded his first career stakes victory in the \$84,000 DTHA Governors Day Stakes at Delaware Park on September 10. The son of Not For Love drew off under Nick Petro to win by five and a half lengths over 3-5 favorite Eldaafer, winner of last year's Breeders' Cup Marathon-G3.

Not Abroad returned \$8.20 as the third choice in the field of five and covered the mile and 70 yards in 1:40.27 over

a fast main track, one second off the track record. Trained by Michael Petro, Not Abroad increased his lifetime record to five wins from 24 starts for earnings of \$344,650.

Ten times Not Abroad has finished second in his career, just missing on numerous occasions for his first stakes win. In his stakes debut at 2, he was game to the wire but missed by a half length in the Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes. Last year he was runnerup in the Grade 3 Discovery Handicap and Barbaro Stakes for 3-year-olds, and proved tough against older runners when second to Regal Solo in the Maryland Million Classic and to Win Willy in the Brandywine Stakes. In his eight starts this year, Not Abroad also has thirds in the Elkwood Stakes at Monmouth Park and Joseph French Memorial Stakes at Delaware.

Purchased by Cunningham for \$25,000 at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, Not Abroad is out of Timely Broad, by Broad Brush, a mare Cunningham campaigned to win or place in nine stakes in the 1990s. Winner of the Sabin Handicap-G3, and an earner of \$342,351, Timely Broad was sold by Cunningham at the 1999 Keeneland November sale, where Overbrook Farm purchased her for \$450,000.

Timely Broad has five earlier foals, by the likes of Storm

Cat, Seeking the Gold and Aldebaran, but Not Abroad is her first stakes performer. Tom and Chris Bowman and Milton Higgins purchased Timely Broad at the 2004 Keeneland November sale, when in foal to Aldebaran, for \$170,000.

Not Abroad and his year-younger full sister, Brushed by Love, who captured a maiden special weight at Delaware Park in June, were bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable, Thomas Sutton and Huckleberry Farm LLC. 🐾

MHIB Touch of Class Award for October



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Olympic hopeful Colleen Rutledge and her 13-year-old Thoroughbred, Shiraz, received the Touch of Class Award from the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) during the Maryland Million at Laurel Park. Jim Steele, MHIB president, and Mary Ellen Setting, state deputy secretary of agriculture, presented; to Setting's right are Ashley Valis, for Gov. Martin O'Malley, and Emily Stangroom (holding placard) of Equiery. Rutledge and Shiraz ranked third among U.S. entries at the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials in England as they pursue a berth on the 2012 U.S. Olympic 3-Day Team. The Touch of Class Award, named for the Olympic gold medalist, is presented monthly by the MHIB to an outstanding Maryland performer.

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(through October 10)

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3. Havelock 320,159	13. Comet of Love 118,510
4. Eighttofasttocatch . . . 213,700	14. Brushed by Love 106,980
5. Sweet Goodbye 202,950	15. Bessie M. 105,624
6. Bold Affair 172,020	16. Love's Blush 104,600
7. Wild Jacob 153,225	17. Baltimore Bob 95,385
8. Jack's in the Deck 149,760	18. Heros Reward 88,150
9. Poseidon's Warrior . . . 146,517	19. Details R Sketchy 86,970
10. Concealed Identity . . . 142,730	20. Jack On the Rocks 84,088

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on October 10. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2011. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2011

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	161	886	84	138	\$3,265,990
Lion Hearted	145	858	73	124	2,685,580
Dance With Ravens . . .	110	687	58	89	2,121,480
Louis Quatorze	120	707	55	80	1,738,150
Great Notion	43	232	31	53	1,418,410
Rock Slide	78	448	36	54	1,399,920
Oratory	66	449	34	60	1,355,990
Two Punch	70	362	30	45	1,080,710
Outflanker	58	325	27	33	828,958
Gators N Bears	46	224	17	27	670,842
Go for Gin	46	272	21	32	502,140
Deputy Storm	22	102	12	19	323,577
Seeking Daylight	29	142	14	18	296,655
Cherokee's Boy	17	82	7	8	273,337
Mojave Moon	31	148	9	13	244,540

2-year-old earnings in 2011

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Dance With Ravens . . .	19	56	6	6	\$142,376
Two Punch	7	19	2	3	141,008
Great Notion	4	7	3	4	110,600
†Scipion	12	28	4	4	102,088
Outflanker	9	20	4	4	92,582
Not For Love	9	17	2	2	91,820
Gators N Bears	6	15	1	1	60,814
Rock Slide	4	9	1	1	35,030
Lion Hearted	7	13	1	1	33,366
Seeking Daylight	3	10	1	1	22,680

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	642	13,257	512	2,051	\$56,458,600
Allen's Prospect	927	23,221	768	3,359	54,401,400
Two Punch	850	16,227	655	2,452	49,471,100
Polish Numbers	439	9,162	362	1,348	32,903,800
Carnivalay	494	13,306	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze	530	9,543	381	1,248	27,511,500
Waquoit	469	11,077	358	1,490	26,240,000
Citidancer	296	7,017	254	1,214	25,316,700
Eastern Echo	416	8,500	289	1,106	22,400,300
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Outflanker	315	6,744	248	995	20,633,200
Deputed Testamony . . .	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Lion Hearted	351	5,629	265	804	18,293,200
Go for Gin	288	5,114	186	630	16,750,400
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500
Wayne County (Ire) . . .	152	2,981	99	343	5,980,580
Mojave Moon	148	2,780	102	305	5,354,440
Crowd Pleaser	101	1,661	72	222	5,072,310

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch	416	1,327	159	198	5,251,290
Not For Love	286	895	107	144	5,162,540
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze	253	776	77	98	3,087,960
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker	178	719	75	101	2,536,980
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Lion Hearted	168	550	64	90	2,441,780
Waquoit	198	681	56	81	1,920,960
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410