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Twill Do does it again in Maryland Hunt Cup

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees.



Maryland Hunt Cup winners come from everywhere: years of toiling over timber, generations of family breeding programs, foreign countries, foxhunting fields, even polo arenas.

But they don't often sell for \$700 as weanlings. Except lately.

Twill Do, once bought for the price of a plane ticket, won his second Hunt Cup in three years April 28—taking over in the final mile and outlasting 11 others in the 116th running of the timber classic. Owned by Lucy Goelet, the Maryland-bred became the race's 21st double winner and stamped himself a force among the specialists who tackle Glyndon's demanding timber course.

"He's a 4-mile, big-fence horse," said trainer Billy Meister.

Lucy Goelet's Twill Do and James Stierhoff (center) poured it on late to hold off Battle Op, with Bon Caddo third. Erica Gaertner (left) and Haley Carver lead in the Maryland-bred winner.



Simple description, yes. Big compliment, certainly.

Ridden by James Stierhoff, the 12-year-old bided his time early, worked into contention after 16 fences, took a clear lead across Tufton Avenue and won by three-quarters of a length over fellow Maryland-bred Battle Op in 8:46.60. Bon Caddo finished third.

Pre-race talk centered on 2011 race winner Private Attack and last year's timber champion (but Hunt Cup rookie) Bon Caddo, the two stars in the field. Grand National winner And the Eagle Flys drew some attention, but Twill Do's name didn't enter the conversation until the discussions went four or five horses deep—despite a win over the course.

He finished fourth in the Grand National a week before the Hunt Cup, beaten 20 lengths by And the Eagle Flys. Meister and Stierhoff watched the replay and talked through some new strategy in hopes of kindling a better effort. Meister went a step further and changed the horse's bit from a slow-twist snaffle to a rubber snaffle.

"We walked the course and had a meeting because there were a lot of concerns about going this week," said Meister. "He didn't look as good as he can [in the Grand National], but I thought we could fix it. James and I watched the films, I told him some things to do and I switched some equipment on the horse. It all came together."

The result was a better jumping performance, as Twill Do rated deep in the field and worked into the race—much like he did in 2010.

This time around, And the Eagle Flys (with Meister aboard) set the pace as the fences made immediate impacts. Western Fling dislodged Brooks Durkee at the second. Volle Nolle and Haddix went at the fifth. More Fascination fell at the sixth. Twill Do relaxed at the back, dropping to last of eight remaining after 2 miles. Private Attack (Patrick



Over the third, the field was all together including Western Fling, who lost his rider at the second. Three more horses were out before coming around to the 13th, and just six of the 12 starters finished. Trainer Billy Meister and owner Lucy Goelet (fourth and fifth from left) hosted a crowd on the traditional winner's wagon for the trophy presentations.

Worrall) fell hard at the 13th. And the Eagle Flys still led at the treacherous 16th, but nearly fell with a big mistake. Battle Op did the same, opening a door to the front. Professor Maxwell and Twill Do leaped through at the 17th, where And the Eagle Flys came undone and fell, and charged to the 18th on even terms. Twill Do landed quickly and surged away. He flew the 19th, made the left turn to the 20th and took wing. Professor Maxwell slipped crossing Tufton Avenue, stopping his rally, as Bon Caddo went from challenging to staying on.

"The third-to-last (20), there was nobody there coming into it and I was a little surprised," said Stierhoff. "I just figured I'd keep on trucking from there. I went sooner than I did two years ago and maybe sooner than I planned but at that point he was going better than everybody else. I figured I'd kick on and take advantage of it."

Through it all, Battle Op (and 18-year-old jockey Connor Hankin) recovered from near calamity at the 16th to emerge as a challenger. Third behind Twill Do and Private Attack in 2010, the gray pressed the winner at the 21st and drew even at the 22nd and final fence. As he did when Private Attack challenged in 2010, Twill Do answered back—fighting off the challenge and prevailing in the stretch.

"Coming into the water [fence 21] I was pleased to hear Battle Op coming up behind me," Stierhoff said. "I felt my horse pick up the bit again and saw Battle Op coming up. That was a blessing. We were head and head coming over the last, Battle Op actually beat me to it, but Twill Do got the better of him."

Hankin briefly thought he had a win in his Hunt Cup debut.

"I could taste it, but I couldn't have changed much,

he ran great," he said. "He was awesome. I had an awful 16th and he was brave to pop back up from that. He got out of it and he just kept going. We were right there at the end, which makes you think about winning it—we just didn't quite have enough or as much as Twill Do."

Meister watched it all from the far side of the course after falling with And the Eagle Flys, cheering his other horse all the way home.

"It doesn't matter that I wasn't riding him, it's my horse, a horse I train," he said. "The EMTs were trying to get me to get in with them and I just wanted to watch the finish. I told them to leave me alone. I was yelling like a crazy man. I'm sure they thought I hit my head or something."

Meister's head was just fine and he beamed on the traditional winner's wagon afterward. The Pennsylvanian turned Marylander made his Hunt Cup debut as a jockey in 1987, won it the next year and has been a fixture ever since with three riding wins and now four as a trainer. Meister's ride this year tied Paddy Neilson for the most lifetime mounts in the race at 21.

By comparison, Stierhoff is a mere novice—with a great winning percentage. He's won two of three tries in the race. The 26-year-old Towson University graduate works at Brown Advisory in Baltimore and limited his spring 2012 rides to Twill Do. They finished fifth at Brandywine Point-to-Point on April 1, checked in a distant fourth in the Grand National April 21 and won the Maryland Hunt Cup.

"He's so clever," said the jockey. "The fences come up not perfect and he's making arrangements before you're even thinking about it. That horse has been around so many courses and hunted all his life. He knows how to do it. You're so confident in him because he's done so much. He's a blast to ride. Billy and [assistant] Erica Gaertner

have done a great job with him."

Bred by Tom and Chris Bowman, Twill Do really was a \$700 weanling purchase by Joe Magner at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's sale in Timonium in 2000. His dam, A Little Wild, sold for \$800 at the same sale. Meister bought the future Hunt Cup hero as a 3-year-old, taught him to foxhunt and built a timber horse. The son of Yarrow Brae stepped through the racing ranks from point-to-points to NSA timber races (he broke his maiden at Genesee in 2008) and eventually stakes over Maryland's big timber in spring.

Twill Do missed the 2011 Hunt Cup when he was injured in a freak accident at the Grand National. He lost Gaertner with a jumping mistake early, then

collided with another horse while running loose. Twill Do appeared unhurt, but emerged with broken ribs and lung damage. He sat out the remainder of 2011 and returned this spring, none the worse for wear.

"He had four broken ribs and is missing part of a lung," Meister said. "You'd have never known it. We turned him out every day and he bucked and played like normal, like there was nothing wrong with him. How'd you like to run the Maryland Hunt Cup with only two-thirds of your lung function on one side?"

Twill Do didn't mind.

NOTES: Goelet became the fifth owner to claim two legs of the current challenge cup, which can be retired with three wins by the same

owner. The others are Arcadia Stable, Move Up Stable, Irv Naylor and Northwoods Stable. The latter owns Battle Op, so missed by three-quarters of a length. . . There have been six Maryland Hunt Cup challenge cups, the fifth retired in 1983 by Joy Valentine's Cancottage. . . Hankin's father Mike (an executive at Brown Advisory) is essentially Stierhoff's boss. "I asked him if I was still gainfully employed and I think I'm okay. I thought Connor was going to get me at the last fence," Stierhoff said. . . Top English amateur Sam Waley-Cohen finished third aboard Bon Caddo and enjoyed the ride. "It was a totally different experience [from English steeplechasing]," said Waley-Cohen. "He gave me a great run round, and I

thought coming down the hill with three to go he was just galloping into the race and had a big chance. After crossing the road, he started to get a little bit tired. He was fantastic though, I'd love to come back."

MARYLAND HUNT CUP

(Glyndon, April 28)

4 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$75,000. Time: 8:46.60. Winning margin— $\frac{3}{4}$ length. 1-Lucy A. Goelet's TWILL DO (dk.b./br.g., 12, Yarrow Brae—A Little Wild, by Wild Again); bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman in Maryland; trainer William Meister; rider James Stierhoff. 2-Northwoods Stable's Battle Op; Lilli Kurtinecz; Connor Hankin. 3-Merrieffield Farm's Bon Caddo; Dawn Williams; Sam Waley-Cohen. Also ran: Professor Maxwell, Fort Henry (Ire), Prospectors Strike, And the Eagle Flys (fell), Private Attack (fell), More Fascination (fell), Volle Nolle (fell), Haddix (lost rider), Western Fling (lost rider).

Maryland horsewoman Jean Class buys horses because they look at her a certain way, or because they like to eat carrots, or because . . . well, just because.

And the Eagle Flys—affectionately known as "Wiggles" around the barn—had her at hello. The chestnut gelding walked out of the stall at Jay Griswold's farm back in 2008, looked at Class and trainer Billy Meister, and found a new home.

"Put him in the truck," Class told Meister.

The trainer obliged, took the new horse home and started building a timber career. And the Eagle Flys started slowly and worked his way up to a try at the Maryland Hunt Cup in 2011. He finished second, some 60 lengths behind winner Private Attack, to make the history books—but made nobody's short list of major players in the division.

And the Eagle Flys and Billy Meister lead defending champ Private Attack in the Grand National timber stakes.



And the Eagle Flys soars to Grand National triumph

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees.



Wally Pinkard and Glennie Martin (left) presented the Grand National prizes to owner Jean Class, trainer/jockey Billy Meister, Danielle Class and Erica Gaertner after And the Eagle Flies won the \$30,000 timber race.

Tampa Bay Downs, but was claimed for \$8,000.

The Begleys claimed him back for \$10,000 in his next start. And the Eagle Flies didn't reward them for their faith—finishing no better than fifth in eight more starts in 2005.

"It's hard to remember back that far, but I do remember claiming him back," said Melissa Begley. "That was not a very good decision business-wise, but obviously I liked him and I wasn't about to give up on him. He was athletic and a real neat horse. He would work and breeze like a good horse, a better horse than he showed on the track."

Begley sold the horse to Griswold, and the work began on a long career change.

Meister and Class liked the horse enough to buy him as a timber prospect, though the first few starts were far from encouraging—he lost by double-digit lengths every time. A myectomy done this spring helped the horse find new air, and new life.

"That's really helped make a difference with him," Meister said of the wind surgery. "I almost pulled him up in the Hunt Cup last year because he was choking up so badly but that's not bothering him at all now."

Of course, none of it would have happened if Class hadn't liked what she saw the first day.

"He walked out of the stall and I fell in love with him," said the Hydes resident. "That's how I buy horses. I buy horses on a whim or I like a horse on a whim. I don't study charts or anything. Sometimes I even buy them because they like carrots."

And the Eagle Flies deserves a bucket of them.

Benjamin H. Murray Memorial

Owner George Mahoney, a regular importer of Irish Thoroughbreds, and trainer Tara Elmore changed plans last summer and bought a timber prospect from Tennes-

see. Mecklenburg, previously owned and trained by Karen Gray, stepped up to Maryland timber in style with a score in the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial allowance on the Grand National undercard.

Ridden by Mark Beecher, Mecklenburg stayed near the front early and resisted a strong challenge from Guts For Garters (Ire) (Brooks Durkee) to win by a head in 6:07.20 for 3¼ miles. Irish-bred Fort Henry (Jackson Roberts) settled for third.

The race turned at the last fence, where Mecklenburg outjumped the others.

"I could see the spot; it's not something where you want to be sending them on to nothing," Beecher said of his horse's takeoff. "He's tough, kind of like a street fighter. He's tiny, but he's got a heart of gold. Once I had a fence to ping him at he went down to it the way you should. It's easier to send a horse to a fence than it is to open space. He was still a maiden and really went down to it and jumped it. That's a good feeling."

Bred in Virginia, Mecklenburg broke his hurdle maiden for breeder Anne Haynes and trainer Mike Berryman in 2008 and ventured over to timber for Gray last spring. Mahoney bought the then-7-year-old son of Mecke out of a runner-up effort at High Hope in Kentucky.

"He's tough and he can jump," said Beecher. "He's a bit too bold and confident so you just have to mind him a small bit at the start. They were bigger fences than anything he's jumped before and he did it well. Give Tara the credit, she gave him last fall off, let him ease into it a bit more."

Western Run Plate

Jackson Roberts might be a first-year steeplechase jockey, but he's no rookie when it comes to jumping big fences thanks to a job with Olympic three-day event rider Phillip Dutton.

Roberts, 20, booted home Brands Hatch in the Grand National finale, the \$7,500 Western Run Plate highweight amateur timber for Gerry Brewster and trainer Blythe Miller Davies. The winner won a stretch battle with Fieldview (Ivan Dowling); Eye Said Scat Cat (Connor Hankin) was third. Brands Hatch covered 3 miles in 6:29.20, prevailing by a half-length to give Roberts his first win on a day that started with a show-jumping round at the Fair Hill International horse trials.

"In eventing you never come anywhere close to going that fast," Roberts said when asked to compare the two sports. "The jumping is very different. You look for a distance in steeplechasing, but you don't act on it as much as you do in eventing. You know if you're getting there wrong, though."

Brands Hatch got there right at the Grand National. He jumped well, saved ground and showed up with plenty of run in the stretch. The 11-year-old son of A.P. Indy finished third in a similar race at My Lady's Manor a week earlier, and obviously benefited from the race.

"He's really handy, at every turn at a beacon I felt like I made up 3 lengths," said Roberts. "When we jumped [the 12th fence] and turned, I was 5 or 6 lengths off the lead there and he came out of it in the lead. I got right up next to Ivan and he just stuck his neck out and dug in."

Roberts grew up near Nashville, Tenn., and recently went to work for Dutton near Unionville, Pa. That job gives the rider a chance to fox hunt and he met Davies' husband, Joe, a two-time Maryland Hunt Cup winner, at a joint meet between Pennsylvania's Cheshire Foxhounds and Maryland's Green Spring Valley.

"Joe asked if I was interested in riding some timber races and it just kind of evolved," Roberts said. "I come down once a week to ride and we walk the course



Mecklenburg (right, Mark Beecher) and Guts For Garters (Ire) (Brooks Durkee) jumped the last fence on even terms in the Murray Memorial.



Brands Hatch (left, Jackson Roberts) flew the last while leading Eye Said Scat Cat (center) and Fieldview in the Western Run Plate.

for the following weekend. Somebody as experienced as he is can teach somebody like me a lot."

GRAND NATIONAL (Butler, April 21)

Grand National, 3¼ miles over timber, 5 & up, amateur riders up. Purse \$30,000. Time: 6:09. Winning margin—3 lengths. 1-Mrs. William D. Class Jr.'s AND THE EAGLE FLYS (ch.g., 10, Double Honor—Slick Mountain, by Peaks and Valleys; bred by Philip Mathews and Karen Mathews in Florida); trainer/rider William Meister. 2-Sportsmans Hall's Private Attack; Alicia Murphy; Patrick Worrall. 3-Rosbrian Farm's More Fascination; Tara Elmore; Mark Beecher. Also ran: Twill Do, Haddix.

Benjamin H. Murray Memorial, 3¼ miles over timber for non-winners of two sanctioned races over timber, 5 & up, amateur riders up. Purse \$15,000. Time: 6:07.20. Winning margin—head. 1-Rosbrian Farm's MECKLENBURG (b.g., 8,

Mecke—Northwest Key, by Northrop; bred by Anne Haynes in Virginia); trainer Tara Elmore; rider Mark Beecher. 2-FOXY Stable's Guts For Garters (Ire); Sanna Hendriks; H. Brooks Durkee. 3-Joseph G. Davies's Fort Henry (Ire); Blythe Miller Davies; Jackson Roberts. Also ran: Mach Ten, Elusive Prince.

Western Run Plate, amateur highweight timber, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up who had not won \$9,000 once in 2011-2012, amateur riders up. Purse \$7,500. Time: 6:29.20. Winning margin—½ length. 1-Gerry L. Brewster's BRANDS HATCH (dk.b./br.g., 11, A.P. Indy—Watch Out, by Mr. Prospector; bred by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds, Pacelco S.A. and Chelston Ireland in Kentucky); trainer Blythe Miller Davies; rider Jackson Roberts. 2-Irvin S. Naylor's Fieldview; Katherine Neilson; Ivan Dowling. 3-Northwoods Stable's Eye Said Scat Cat; Lilli Kurtinecz; Connor Hankin. Also ran: The Rall (Ire), Up N Under (Ire).

Until now.

And the Eagle Flies broke his maiden and became a stakes winner on the same day—winning the \$30,000 Grand National timber stakes at Butler on April 21. With Meister aboard, the winner led most of the way and won by 3 lengths in 6:09 for 3¼ miles. He turned back a solid charge from two-time race winner Private Attack, who settled for second, with More Fascination third.

Like it did a week earlier at My Lady's Manor, firm turf played a role as just five horses started in each of the day's three races. Officially labeled hard, the race course warranted a sensible gallop and the horses obliged. All 15 starters on the day finished, a rarity on the tough Maryland timber circuit.

Meister let his horse break comfortably and took over early as the field dawdled over the first few fences. By the time the group straightened up for the final half-mile and five fences, it was a three-horse race as And the Eagle Flies, Private Attack (Patrick Worrall) and More Fascination (Mark Beecher) aimed for the stretch. The winner jumped the third-

last, and looked vulnerable. He jumped the second-last, and looked vulnerable. He touched down over the last, and suddenly had a chance as Private Attack could not match the winner's speed in the stretch.

"[Private Attack] got within a length, maybe three-quarters of a length of me," said Meister. "I hit my horse a couple of times and he just found more. I was very happy with him. He met the last two fences wrong, but I just made him listen to me. We needed to get there right to jump them fast."

For Class, watching from mid-stretch, the decision came as a surprise.

"I was way down by the barn, and from there you can't see who finishes," she said. "We were told he was second, which was great, so we went to the barn and were getting the horse ready for the next race."

Grand National manager Jake Chalfin then informed Class that she'd won and transported her to the winner's stand.

"I hope I get to see a tape of the finish, but it sounded great," she said. "We were surprised twice."

A veteran of the Maryland timber circuit as a trainer and jockey, Meister has trained for Class for 15 years, but the 2012 Grand National stands as their biggest win together.

"Billy's like my son," Class said. "We've been together a long time and it's been a great partnership. He's wonderful. There wouldn't be anybody else doing it. If he couldn't train the horses, I wouldn't be doing it. He's very focused, he does a great job with the horses and he's a great person."

Meister echoed the sentiment: "She's been with me a long time. If anybody deserves it she does. Winning any race for her is like winning the lottery, or winning two races. She's just an incredible person. I'm very lucky to have clients like her."

Like many horses in the game, And the Eagle Flies meandered to steeplechasing. The Florida-bred made his career debut as a 2-year-old at Charles Town in September 2004. Owned and trained by Earl Begley Jr. and his wife Melissa, the son of Double Honor won going 4½ furlongs—a far cry from the Grand National's 26. He won again in February 2005 at

Incomplete finishes job for Kinsley in Manor

Story by Joe Clancy. Photographs by Douglas Lees.



Bubble Economy (left, Willie Dowling) and winner Incomplete (Joey Elliott) led South Monarch and Bon Caddo late in the My Lady's Manor.

Ann Stewart called Bob Kinsley about a horse he should buy. Then relatively new to racing, but a foxhunter going way back, Kinsley looked at the horse and then asked a simple question.

"Can I ride him?"

Stewart said sure and, on the first day he ever saw Incomplete, Kinsley went for a ride. The bay son of Press Card made an immediate impression.

"I got off to open a gate and he kicked me," said Kinsley of the 2006 encounter. "I didn't really want him after that."

Incomplete won him over and the now 11-year-old ranks as one of the top timber horses in training. The reigning Maryland-bred steeplechase champion opened 2012 with a victory in the \$30,000 My Lady's Manor timber stakes at Monkton April 14. The win duplicated Incomplete's victory in the 2009 race and helped Kinsley look back on a decision to

get into steeplechasing as an owner.

He grew up foxhunting with Rose Tree in Pennsylvania, got back into it with fellow York, Pa., businessman Irv Naylor, bought a foxhunter and eventually met Stewart. The multiple Maryland Hunt Cup-winning trainer encouraged Kinsley to buy a steeplechaser. One of the first couldn't jump and was sold (cheap) before winning \$150,000 on the flat. Incomplete was the third, and he's still working on a standout career. Since his first NSA start in 2007, he's won five races under rules and more than \$112,000 to go with a string of point-to-point victories.

"He's family, a great horse," said Kinsley, whose Kinsley Construction is a key sponsor at the Manor. "He's only 11 years old, so maybe we'll get another couple years out of him. That's why I like timber racing, they get to come

back year after year. When his career's over, hopefully I can (fox) hunt him."

Incomplete was on the Maryland Hunt Cup path last year, but lost his rider with a jumping mistake while well behind at the 16th fence. Stewart engineered an autumn campaign that included a win in the \$50,000 International Gold Cup stakes, so came into 2012 thinking something besides Hunt Cup. Incomplete started at Brandywine Point-to-Point in Pennsylvania, then headed to the Manor—where he met classy foes Bubble Economy, Bon Caddo and South Monarch in a field of 11. Scuba Steve and Fort Henry (Ire) set the early pace, stalked throughout by the big four.

Incomplete advanced toward the front after 2 miles and came to the stretch with a slim lead on Bubble Economy and Bon Caddo. The latter, timber champion of 2011, got closest but the winner surged

away over the last and won by 3¾ lengths. Bubble Economy, making his first start since May 2010, stayed for second with Bon Caddo third and South Monarch fourth. The winner covered 3 miles over firm turf in 5:58. Irish jockey Joey Elliott, engaged by Kinsley and Stewart to ride Incomplete, was over for the ride—his second American timber win.

"I looked around turning in and they were queuing up and I thought I'd just sit there and pop the second-last and set sail for home," Elliott said. "Bon Caddo came up on my inside and I let him half look at him and it helped. After the last and into the crowd, his ears pricked and he was looking around a bit, just doing what he had to do."

Bred by Hugh Procopio, Incomplete won two of 29 flat starts for Marilyn Procopio and trainer Greg Wilson before turning to jump racing

via Stewart and Kinsley. The added distance, jumping and light racing schedule agree with the veteran.

"He's a nice horse," Elliott said of Incomplete. "He stays, he jumps, and he travels—everything you want in a timber horse."

John Rush Streett Memorial

The Virginia owner/trainer combination of Maggie Bryant and Richard Valentine won the \$10,000 John Rush Streett Memorial maiden timber with newcomer Dakota Slew. The 5-year-old converted to timber this spring after brief tries on the flat and over hurdles and won his NSA debut. Under Darren Nagle, he saved ground on the final turn and won a sprint to the finish. The son of Slew City Slew, bred in Kentucky by Virginian Larry Curtis, scored by 1¾ lengths over Catch the Echo in 6:09.20 for 3 miles. Voler Bar Nuit wound up third.

The winner made one start each on the flat (Delaware Park) and over hurdles (Far Hills 3-year-old stakes) in 2010. He twice needed extended breaks for illness, and returned to the races last year—finishing third and eighth in hurdle tries.

"He got some sort of virus, twice, and he's such a light-framed horse that it knocked him out," said Valentine. "Last fall, he was healthy, his jumping was good but he was just out the back. I always thought he'd make a timber horse so we just went straight there this year."

Dakota Slew responded with a third at Piedmont Point-to-Point in March and headed to the Manor. He took to the bigger fences with style, had no problems with the hills, firm turf and right and left turns.

"Darren gave him the most beautiful, patient ride," said Valentine. "The way the horse jumped here would tell you something. It's nice to see him make some good decisions, be aggressive and not be backed off by the fences."

John D. Schapiro Memorial

Teenage amateur jockey Mary Motion and her horse Woodmont continued their climb through steeplechasing's ranks with a win in the John D. Schapiro Memorial, a \$7,500 amateur allowance timber race and her first victory under rules. Woodmont followed Undignified throughout and took over on the run to the final turn before coasting to the line three-quarters of a length in front of Grinding Speed in 5:59.80 for 3 miles. Brands Hatch was a distant third.

Woodmont collected his first win since 2005, but is the perfect match for Motion. The Foxcroft School junior rode her first jump races in 2011 after learning the game via horse shows, foxhunting, the North American Point-to-Point Association's junior program and other avenues. Twelve-year-old Woodmont adds experience to Motion's youth, but is no push-button ride.

"I'm still figuring him out," Motion said. "He lugs on the left rein a lot. That's why he almost ran out at one fence. We lost a lot of ground on that last turn because he doesn't turn left very well. He lugs on the left rein but goes right. He's an odd, old horse, but he's teaching me a lot—he takes care of me."

Trained by Neil Morris, Woodmont took control of the race with a big move in the final half mile and never gave it back.

"He was going down the hill, I thought people were going to be with me and I looked back and they weren't," Motion said. "My horse was fine, I was going to keep going."

Motion hails from a deep family of horsemen, including her grandparents Jo and Michael, her father Andrew and her uncle Graham. The Middleburg, Va., resident rides out for Morris and other trainers around her class schedule. She has also spent time exercising horses for her uncle, trainer Jack Fisher and others, includ-



Dakota Slew (right, Darren Nagle) outran Catch the Echo (left) and Voler Bar Nuit late in the John Rush Streett Memorial maiden timber.



At the 10th fence of John D. Schapiro timber for amateur/apprentice riders, Woodmont (yellow and black silks) and Mary Motion side-stepped a falling Indian Creek Queen, with Brands Hatch alongside.

ing a stint this winter with English trainer Henry Daly. ■

MY LADY'S MANOR (Monkton, April 14)

My Lady's Manor, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$30,000. Time: 5:58. Winning margin—3¾ lengths. 1-Robert A. Kinsley's INCOMPLETE (b.g., 11, Press Card—Sioux Lady, by Poker; bred by Hugo Procopio in Maryland); trainer Ann Stewart; rider Joey Elliott. 2-Arcadia Stable's Bubble Economy; Jack Fisher; William Dowling. 3-Merriemfield Farm's Bon Caddo; Dawn Williams; Christopher Read. Also ran: South Monarch, Scuba Steve, Moonsox, Seeyouattheevent, Shady Valley (disqualified from 7th), Fort Henry (Ire) (pulled up), Sgt. Bart (pulled up), Eye Said Scat Cat (lost rider).

John Rush Streett Memorial, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up, non-winners over timber, amateur riders up. Purse \$10,000. Time: 6:09.20. Winning margin—1¾ lengths. 1-Magalen O. Bryant's DAKOTA SLEW (dk.b./br.g., 5,

Slew City Slew—Klearlee Kiera, by Allen's Prospect; bred by Larry Curtis in Kentucky); trainer Richard Valentine; rider Darren Nagle. 2-Gerry L. Brewster's Catch the Echo; Blythe Miller Davies; Jackson Roberts. 3-Mrs. William D. Class Jr.'s Voler Bar Nuit; William Meister; James Slater. Also ran: Guts For Garters (Ire), Dynaway, Great Halo, Just Say Boo, Mr Tack (lost rider), Almar mooq (fell).

John D. Schapiro Memorial, amateur highweight, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up who had not won \$9,000 once in 2011-2012, amateur riders up. Purse \$7,500. Time: 5:59.80. Winning margin—¾ length. 1-Mary Motion's WOODMONT (dk.b./br.g., 12, Dumaani—Crystal Woods, by Woodman; bred by William A. Kelly in Kentucky); trainer Neil Morris; rider owner. 2-Michael T. Wharton's Grinding Speed; Alicia Murphy; Gustav Dahl. 3-Gerry L. Brewster's Brands Hatch; Blythe Miller Davies; Jackson Roberts. Also ran: Prospectors Strike, Serene Harbor, Fieldview, Services Rendered, Undignified, Indian Creek Queen (fell).



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAP



Ben's Cat

Mister Diz Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 7.

Dk.b./br.g., 2006, by Parker's Storm Cat—Twofox, by Thirty Eight Paces. Bred by K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.; owned by The Jim Stable; trained by King T. Leatherbury. Foaled at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Lifetime starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
22	15 (10)	2 (2)	1 (1)	\$846,090 (through April 21)

2010: 1st \$50,000 Mister Diz S, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up,

Laurel, Aug. 21; \$100,000 Maryland Million Turf Sprint H, 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 2; \$50,000 Find H, 1½ mi., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Oct. 30; 2nd Forty Niner S. 2011: 1st \$75,000 Mister Diz S, 5 fur. (off turf), registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, April 9; \$75,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 20; \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup H, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Penn National, July 30; \$350,000 Turf Monster H-G3, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 5; \$100,000 Maryland Million Turf Sprint H, 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 1; \$75,000 Laurel Dash S (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 6 fur. (off turf), 3 & up, Laurel,

Oct. 29; 2nd Parx Dash H; 3rd Six Bits H. 2012: 1st \$75,000 Mister Diz S, 5 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 7.

Reigning Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Ben's Cat got his 10th stakes victory when he produced his signature stretch drive and nailed Steady Warrior in the final strides to win in the \$75,000 Mister Diz Stakes for Maryland-bred runners on April 7 at Pimlico.

The King Leatherbury-trained homebred captured the Mister Diz last year at Pimlico when the race was taken off the turf, and took the 2010 version on the Laurel Park grass.

This year's 5-furlong turf test, the first start since November for the 6-year-old son of Parker's Storm Cat, proved a test for the dark bay gelding. Ben's Cat stayed patient toward the back of the six-horse field under Horacio Karamanos before angling five-wide to close sharply on front-running Steady Warrior. With about 40 yards to go, Ben's Cat surged ahead and held firm by a neck in 57.26 seconds. Third went to Delaunay, followed by Alston Gunter, 2007 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Heros Reward and Dixie Notion. Four and a quarter lengths covered the field.

"To a lot of people he is the best horse on the turf," said Karamanos, after riding in place of Ben's Cat's regular

jockey Jeremy Rose, who was out with a dislocated shoulder. "He's a machine. I didn't even have to hit him, I just touched him on the left shoulder and he took off. I am so glad to finally ride him."

After getting a three-month break, Ben's Cat was training well coming into his 2012 debut, and recorded a bullet work of :48 for a half-mile (of 50 at the distance) the previous Saturday at Laurel.

"He keeps amazing me," said Leatherbury. "I never thought he would get this good. He kept getting better and better and has never stopped."

"He is fresh and I thought he would be near the lead but he was way back," said Leatherbury after the win. "He scares you a little bit, especially today. He's back there like he's not running a lick and then he runs in the stretch to get the job done. Once he gets rolling you feel like he's going to win."

Ben's Cat was produced by the stakes-placed Thirty Eight Paces mare Twofox, a full-sister to Endette, the dam of Leatherbury's Maryland-bred champion and \$918,874-earner Ah Day. Ben's Cat has won 15 of 22 starts, with two seconds and a third, for lifetime earnings of \$846,090.



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

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ALAFAIR, by Gentlemen (Arg), b.c., February 18, by Greek Sun. Robin L. Graham and Mary E. Jones.

BELLA MOORE, by Marju, b.f., February 21, by Rock Slide. Timothy Rooney. Mare to U S Ranger.

BUSHEL AND A PECK, by Numerous, b.f., March 31, by Scat

Daddy. Thornmar. Mare to Big Brown.

CALL ME CHAOTIC, by Distorted Humor, b.c., March 28, by Successful Appeal. Juan Vazquez.

CLASSY CHOICE, by Successful Appeal, b.f., March 14, by Outflanker. Janet Wayson.

DESIDERATA, by During, ch.f., April 2, by Pollard's Vision. Thornmar. Mare to Big Brown.

EILEEN R, by Cozzene, b.c., April 8, by Rock Slide. Daniel O'Ryan. Mare to Rock Slide.

IM NO CYNIC, by Two Punch, dk.b./br.f., March 5, by Great Notion. Mark and Veronica O'Donnell.

JULIA, by Eastern Echo, b.c., March 24, by Rock Slide. Daniel O'Ryan. Mare to Rock Slide.

MISS SANTA ANITA, by Ide, ch.c., March 23, by Rock Slide. Daniel O'Ryan. Mare to Rock Slide.

MY AUNT DIANNE, by Norquestor, b.c., April 4, by Rock Slide. James Steele.

PAYING OFF, by Malibu Moon, dk.b./br.c., April 3, by Outflanker. Janet Wayson.

PEACE BE WITH YOU, by Peace Rules, b.c., March 4, by Rock Slide. Daniel O'Ryan. Mare to Rock Slide.

RED VALENTINE, by Dehere, dk.b./br.f., April 7, by Lion Hearted. Thornmar. Mare to Not For Love.

SAXET HEIGHTS, by Outflanker, b.c., March 30, by Divine King. Thornmar. Mare to Birdstone.

SEVENS LADY, by Citidancer, ch.f., March 18, by Rock Slide.

Betty Schultz and Jean Morris. Mare to Rock Slide.

SHIRAZI, by Stephen Got Even, b.c., March 1, by City Zip. Timothy Rooney. Mare to Rock Slide.

SMART GOSSIP, by Smart Strike, b.c., March 29, by Pleasantly Perfect. Pam Michael. Mare to Outflanker.

SMART POLICY, by Smart Strike, b.f., February 2, by Rock Slide. Shamrock Farm. Mare to Rock Slide.

STRIKETHEGOLD LASS, by Strike the Gold, b.c., March 12, by Lion Hearted. Dragon's Lair Farm LLC. Mare to Friesian Fire.

STRIKING BELLA, by Smart Strike, b.c., April 20, by City Zip. Timothy Rooney. Mare to Artie Schiller.

STRIKING KATHY, by Smart Strike, dk.b./br.c., March 15, by More Than Ready. Timothy Rooney. Mare to Congrats.

SURAFAN, by Surachai, b.f., April 3, by Gators N Bears. Pam Wofford.

THE BEST SISTER, by Salem Drive, b.f., February 3, by Outflanker. James Steele. Mare to Outflanker.



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



Primonetta Stakes goes to Bold Affair

Charles Reed and Mike Zanella's homebred filly Bold

Affair waited patiently before overtaking her rivals and rolling to a commanding victory in the \$75,000 Primonetta Stakes (which included a

\$25,000 Maryland Bred Fund bonus) April 14 at Pimlico. Last year's Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly covered 6 furlongs in 1:10.06 (earning a 99 Beyer speed figure) and recorded her second straight stakes victory.

Trained by Howard Wolfendale, the big chestnut left the gate under Abel Castellano as the even-money favorite in the field of six. She was forwardly placed on the inside before moving away from the rail and tracking front-running Valiant Passion. Racing three-wide to engage her rival after a half mile, Bold Affair pulled away in upper stretch to win by 2¾ lengths.

"It looked like he [Castellano] had to steady her a little bit to get her outside and getting her restarted can be tough because of how big she is," Wolfendale said. "But once she got rolling it was not in question."

This was Bold Affair's third stakes win, her first being last year's \$200,000 Jostle

Stakes at Parx Racing. This past March, she captured the Conniver Stakes at Laurel. The filly has won six of 10 starts, for earnings of \$302,880, with only one off-the-board finish.

The daughter of Two Punch is out of stakes-winning Hunka Hunka Lori Z (by Colonial Affair). Purchased by Reed at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale for \$7,000, the mare was campaigned by Reed and Zanella throughout her career, winning seven races and earning \$266,533, including the Caesar's Wish Stakes at Pimlico and Stefanita Stakes at Laurel Park.

Bold Affair is Hunka Hunka Lori Z's third winner from three foals, all campaigned by her breeders. An hour after the Primonetta, Bold Affair's full-sister, Lori Z's Punch, placed fourth in a handicap at Charles Town.

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Maryland-bred takes Pimlico's first juvenile race of year



Brenda's Way rallied to a commanding victory in Maryland's first 2-year-old race of 2012 at Pimlico April 12. It is the fourth consecutive year trainer John Salzman Jr. has taken the first juvenile race of the season.

Owned by George Greenwalt and bred in Maryland by Stephen Quick and Wyn Oaks Farm LLC, Brenda's Way was kept in tight quarters along the rail before rallying from off the pace and drawing off to win by $\frac{7}{8}$ lengths over nine rivals. The 2.30-1 favorite, under Jonathan Joyce, completed $4\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs in 54.78 seconds. Maryland-bred Craftwell's Bell was second.

"It is a lot of fun but there is a lot of pressure after doing it year after year," Salzman said. "The field was much larger this time and you hear so many rumors about who has runners. I didn't say anything. I knew this filly was fast but actually thought my other one [sixth-place finisher Stormy Adventure] might be more talented. I was very impressed she won from off the pace."

Salzman purchased the bay filly at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale for \$7,500 from the consignment of agent Bill Reightler. She is the first winner for freshman sire Weigelia,

a multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire who stands in Pennsylvania for Wyn Oaks Farm LLC.

Brenda's Way is also the first winner for her dam, Malibu Mystique (by Malibu Moon), who campaigned for one season, winning her maiden debut and placing in four of her other five starts, all in allowance company. Malibu Mystique was bred in Maryland by DLS Thoroughbreds Inc., which also campaigned her dam, Salquest (by Norquestor). The latter earned \$113,335 and was third in the 1998 Maryland Million Distaff Starter Handicap.

For 11 of the last 13 years, the winning trainer of the first juvenile race in the state has been a Salzman (John Sr., Tim or John Jr.). John Jr.'s previous three victories came from future stakes winners Gator Prowl, Twelve Pack Shelly and Bluegrass Atatude—all were purchased by Salzman at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale for \$10,000 or less.



Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes

March 24. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up. $1\frac{1}{8}$ mi. 6 competed. (Closed with 12 nominations.) Winner: EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH, by Not For Love. Owner bonus: Sylvia E. Heft (\$15,000). Second: None. Third: None. Fourth: CONCEALED IDENTITY, by Smarty Jones. Owner bonus: Linda S. Norwood-Gaudet and Morris Bailey (\$1,500). Fifth: REGAL WARRIOR, by Louis Quatorze. Owner bonus: Vincent Scuderi (\$750).

Shine Again Stakes

March 31. Purse \$50,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds, non-winners of a sweepstakes. $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi. 8 competed. (Closed with 16 nominations.) Winner: SNEAKY LIL, by

Louis Quatorze. Breeder bonus: Richard Blue Jr. (\$5,250). Stallion bonus: Louis Quatorze Syndicate (\$2,625). Second: ALL ABOUT HER, by Purge. Breeder bonus: Bohemia Stable (\$1,750). Stallion bonus: None. Third: TOUCH THE BIRDS, by Dance With Ravens. Breeder bonus: Rebecca B. Davis (\$962.50). Stallion bonus: Dance With Ravens Syndicate (\$481.25). Fourth: OVER THE MOON, by Malibu Moon. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm (\$525). Stallion bonus: None.

Mister Diz Stakes

April 7. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-breds. 5 fur., turf. 6 competed. (Closed with 11 nominations.) Winner: BEN'S CAT, by Parker's Storm Cat. Breeder bonus: K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc. (\$7,875). Stallion bonus: Country Life Farm and

B. Wayne Hughes (\$3,937.50). Second: STEADY WARRIOR, by Cherokee's Boy. Breeder bonus: ZWP Stable (\$2,625). Stallion bonus: ZWP Stable (\$1,312.50). Third: DELAUNAY, by Smoke Glacken. Breeder bonus: Fitzhugh LLC (\$1,312.50). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: ALSTON GUNTER, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Mary B. Boskin (\$787.50). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$393.75).

Primonetta Stakes

April 14. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 19 nominations.) Winner: BOLD AFFAIR, by Two Punch. Owner bonus: Charles Reed and Michael Zanella (\$15,000). Second: None. Third: None. Fourth: None. Fifth: TERRA ROLLA, by Oratory. Owner bonus: Mrs. Frank P. Wright (\$750).

Breeder bonuses

Linda L. Albert—MARIPOSA ROSA: April 7, 9th race, \$3,491.25.
 At Last Farm LLC—THE ADMIRAL/SFLANK: April 6, 3rd race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75. (\$2,565)
 Joseph W. Ayres Jr.—TRIPLE PICK: April 14, 5th race, \$2,194.50.
 William M. Backer—BAILEYS BEACH: March 30, 8th race, \$3,690.75; April 14, 4th race, \$3,690.75. (\$7,381.50)
 Bender and Bender LLC—CLASSIC WILDCAT: April 15, 1st race, \$1,995. SUMMER HUSTLER: March 22, 1st race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75; April 12, 4th race, \$2,394. (\$6,954)
 Teresa L. Beste—SALT AND LIGHT: March 24, 8th race, \$3,291.75/\$2,351.25. (\$5,643)
 Richard Blue Jr.—SNEAKY LIL: March 31, 10th race, \$5,250.
 Bohemia Stable—ALL ABOUT HER: March 31, 10th race, \$1,750.
 Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia—SWEEP FIRST: April 7, 3rd race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)
 Bonita Farm and Andrew Eisenberg—CADRE: March 30, 5th race, \$3,291.75.
 Mary B. Boskin—ALSTON GUNTER: April 7, 10th race, \$787.50.
 Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman—CONCEALED IDENTITY: March 24, 9th race, \$1,050.
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE: April 15, 8th race, \$3,491.25.
 Marshele E. Bassford Burgess—CAROLYN'S MOON: March 31, 5th race, \$1,296.75. PARKER'S PEAKS: April 1, 8th race, \$1,695.75/\$1,211.25. (\$4,203.75)
 Michael P. Cataneo—DR. SKIP: April 13, 7th race, \$3,291.75.
 Estate of Hal C.B. Clagett—SNOW SECRET GIN: March 22, 5th race, \$1,296.75.
 Country Roads Ltd.—DAYDREAMIN GRACIE: April 15, 7th race, \$3,291.75. PICS GOOD BOY: April 15, 4th race, \$1,296.75. (\$4,588.50)
 Dark Hollow Farm—OVER THE MOON: March 31, 10th race, \$525.
 Dark Hollow Farm and Happy Ours Stable—DIP MY BEAK: April 6, 7th race, \$2,194.50.
 Dark Hollow Farm and Herringwell Stable—EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH: March 24, 9th race, \$10,500.
 Rebecca B. Davis—TOUCH THE BIRDS: March 31, 10th race, \$962.50.
 Mrs. Janon Fisher III—WIRE FUNDS: March 21, 9th race, \$1,695.75.
 Fitzhugh LLC—DELAUNAY: March 21, 6th race, \$3,890.25; April 7, 10th race, \$1,312.50. (\$5,202.75)
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman—CROSS MOUNTAIN: April 5, 5th race, \$1,995/\$1,425. (\$3,420)
 Peter Fuller—WHATSNOTTOOLIKE: April 5, 1st race, \$1,296.75.

Ruby Mae Gaddis—ANNA PLEASURE: April 15, 3rd race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)
 Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: March 22, 7th race, \$1,995/\$1,425. (\$3,420)
 K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.—BEN'S CAT: April 7, 10th race, \$7,875.
 Dale Long—RILEY'S RAMPAGE: March 24, 3rd race, \$1,795.50.
 Daniel and Jennifer Lunceford—A P ELVIS: March 31, 7th race, \$3,291.75.
 Marathon Farms Inc.—GREEK DANCER: March 24, 1st race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)
 Gretchen B. Mobberley—NO CONFLICT: March 23, 3rd race, \$1,296.75/\$926.25. OH PLEASE: March 31, 1st race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$4,104)
 Non Stop Stable—WONDER GIRL TORI: April 5, 6th race, \$3,291.75/\$2,351.25. (\$5,643)
 Northview Stallion Station—RONNIE JAMES JR: April 12, 5th race, \$2,194.50.
 Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: April 12, 3rd race, \$3,291.75/\$2,351.25. (\$5,643)
 Vivian E. Roll—CALLIOPE: March 21, 7th race, \$2,194.50.
 Charles Reed and Michael Zanella—BOLD AFFAIR: April 14, 10th race, \$7,875.
 A. Brice Ridgely—DROP IT NOW: March 21, 3rd race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75. GRANDILOQUENT: April 13, 2nd race, \$1,995. (\$4,560)
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr.—DISCO DANDY: April 15, 9th race, \$3,491.25.
 William T. Shook—SHOOKSTOWN ROAD: April 5, 3rd race, \$1,496.25.
 James B. Steele Jr.—MY SWEET NENANA: March 21, 1st race, \$1,296.75.
 Dianne L. Stern—JUST ASK ERIC: April 6, 1st race, \$1,496.25/\$1,068.75. (\$2,565)
 Sally Thomas and Ferris Allen—NO SATIS ACTION: April 15, 5th race, \$2,443.88.
 Thommar Farm LLC—HANDS ON: March 21, 5th race, \$1,695.75; March 30, 10th race, \$3,491.25. (\$5,187)
 Tuscany Farm LLC—TUSCANY'S EXPRESS: March 30, 1st race, \$1,097.25/\$783.75. (\$1,881)
 ZWP Stable—STEADY WARRIOR: April 7, 10th race, \$2,625.
Owner bonuses
 Joseph W. Ayres Jr.—TRIPLE PICK: April 14, 5th race, \$2,194.50.
 Elaine C. Bassford—PARKER'S PEAKS: April 1, 8th race, \$1,695.75.
 Kimberly Ann Becker—CROSS MOUNTAIN: April 5, 5th race, \$1,995.
 Howard M. Bender—SUMMER HUSTLER: March 22, 1st race, \$1,496.25; April 12, 4th race, \$2,394. (\$3,890.25)
 Bonita Farm—CADRE: March 30, 5th race, \$3,291.75.
 SWEEP FIRST: April 7, 3rd race, \$1,097.25. (\$4,389)
 Michael P. Cataneo—DR. SKIP: April 13, 7th race, \$3,291.75.
 Christ is King Stable—SALT AND LIGHT: March 24, 8th race, \$3,291.75.
 Robert L. Cole Jr.—MARIPOSA ROSA: April 7, 9th race, \$3,491.25.
 Carl Doran—RONNIE JAMES JR: April 12, 5th race, \$2,194.50.
 Ruby Mae Gaddis—ANNA PLEASURE: April 15, 3rd race, \$1,097.25.
 Robert E. Gamber—THE ADMIRAL/SFLANK: April 6, 3rd race, \$1,496.25.
 Lacey Gaudet—GREEK DANCER: March 24, 1st race, \$1,097.25.
 George Greenwalt—BRENDA'S WAY: April 12, 3rd race, \$3,291.75.
 Half and Half Stable—JUST ASK ERIC: April 6, 1st race, \$1,496.25.
 Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: March 22, 7th race, \$1,995.
 Joey P Stables—BAILEYS BEACH: March 30, 8th race, \$3,690.75; April 14, 4th race, \$3,690.75. (\$7,381.50)
 Daniel E. Lunceford—A P ELVIS: March 31, 7th race, \$3,291.75.
 Cathal Lynch—UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE: April 15, 8th race, \$3,491.25.
 Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.—DELAUNAY: March 21, 6th race, \$3,890.25.
 Gretchen B. Mobberley—NO CONFLICT: March 23, 3rd race, \$1,296.75. OH PLEASE: March 31, 1st race, \$1,097.25. (\$2,394)
 Non Stop Stable—WONDER GIRL TORI: April 5, 6th race, \$3,291.75.

PTK LLC—DAYDREAMIN GRACIE: April 15, 7th race, \$3,291.75. HANDS ON: March 30, 10th race, \$3,491.25. (\$6,783)
 Quest Realty—DIP MY BEAK: April 6, 7th race, \$2,194.50.
 Vivian E. Roll—CALLIOPE: March 21, 7th race, \$2,194.50.
 Samuel H. Rogers Jr.—DISCO DANDY: April 15, 9th race, \$3,491.25.
 Spring Meadow Farm—DROP IT NOW: March 21, 3rd race, \$1,496.25.
 Tuscany Farm LLC—TUSCANY'S EXPRESS: March 30, 1st race, \$1,097.25.
 Warwick Stable—NO SATIS ACTION: April 15, 5th race, \$2,443.88.

Stallion bonuses

AFLEET PRINCE (Triple Pick): April 14, 5th race, \$1,097.25):
 Joseph Ayres Jr.
 BOWMAN'S BRAND (Shookstown Road: April 5, 3rd race, \$748.13): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz.
 CHEROKEE'S BOY (Just Ask Eric: April 6, 1st race, \$748.13. Steady Warrior: April 7, 10th race, \$1,312.50. Wonder Girl Tori: April 5, 6th race, \$1,645.88): ZWP Stable—\$3,706.51.
 CROWD PLEASER (Oh Please: March 31, 1st race, \$548.63): Crowd Pleaser Partnership.
 DANCE WITH RAVENS (A P Elvis: March 31, 7th race, \$1,645.88. Touch the Birds: March 31, 10th race, \$481.25. Universal Language: April 15, 8th race, \$1,745.63): Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$3,872.76.
 DEPUTY STORM (Ronnie James Jr: April 12, 5th race, \$1,097.25): Deputy Storm Syndicate.
 DISCO RICO (Anna Pleasure: April 15, 3rd race, \$548.63. Disco Dandy: April 15, 9th race, \$1,745.63): Alfred and Joseph DiRico—\$2,294.26.
 DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Daydreamin Gracie: April 15, 7th race, \$1,645.88. Pics Good Boy: April 15, 4th race, \$648.38. Riley's Rampage: March 24, 3rd race, \$897.75): Domestic Dispute Syndicate—\$3,192.01.

GO FOR GIN (Cadre: March 30, 5th race, \$1,645.88. Sweep First: April 7, 3rd race, \$548.63): Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia—\$2,194.51.
 GREAT NOTION (Alston Gunter: April 7, 10th race, \$393.75): Great Notion Syndicate.
 GREEK SUN (Greek Dancer: March 24, 1st race, \$548.63): Marathon Farm.
 JAZZ CLUB (My Sweet Nenana: March 21, 1st race, \$648.38): Maryland Stallion Station and Lane's End Farm.
 LOUIS QUATORZE (Sneaky Lil: March 31, 10th race, \$2,625): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.
 LOVE OF MONEY (Wire Funds: March 21, 9th race, \$847.88): Love of Money Syndicate.
 M EIGHTY (Tuscany's Express: March 30, 1st race, \$548.63): Don Pistorio.
 NO ARMISTICE (No Conflict: March 23, 3rd race, \$648.38): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes.
 NOT FOR LOVE (Dip My Beak: April 6, 7th race, \$1,097.25. Eighttofastcatch: March 24, 9th race, \$5,250): Not For Love Syndicate—\$6,347.25.
 ORATORY (Grandiloquent: April 13, 2nd race, \$997.50): Country Life Farm and Darley.
 OUTFLANKER (Calliope: March 21, 7th race, \$1,097.25. The Admiral/sflank: April 6, 3rd race, \$748.13): Outflanker Syndicate—\$1,845.38.
 PARKER'S STORM CAT (Ben's Cat: April 7, 10th race, \$3,937.50. Parker's Peaks: April 1, 8th race, \$847.88. Snow Secret Gin: March 22, 5th race, \$648.38. Whatsnottolike: April 5, 1st race, \$648.38): Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—\$6,082.14.
 ROCK SLIDE (Cross Mountain: April 5, 5th race, \$997.50): Shamrock Farms.
 TWO PUNCH (Bold Affair: April 14, 10th race, \$3,937.50. Salt and Light: March 24, 8th race, \$1,645.88): Two Punch Syndicate—\$5,583.38.
 YARROW BRAE (Mariposa Rosa: April 7, 9th race, \$1,745.63): Yarrow Brae Syndicate.

Breeder loyalty bonuses

Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at Laurel winter meet.

At Last Farm LLC—THE ADMIRAL/SFLANK: April 6, 3rd race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)
 Bender and Bender LLC—SUMMER HUSTLER: March 22, 1st race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)
 Teresa L. Beste—SALT AND LIGHT: March 24, 8th race, \$2,351.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,643)
 Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia—SWEEP FIRST: April 7, 3rd race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)
 Marshele E Bassford Burgess—PARKER'S PEAKS: April 1, 8th race, \$1,211.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,907)
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman—CROSS MOUNTAIN: April 5, 5th race, \$1,425. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,420)
 Ruby Mae Gaddis—ANNA PLEASURE: April 15, 3rd race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)
 Dove P. Houghton—SPRINKLES MIDDLE EZ: March 22, 7th race, \$1,425. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,420)
 Marathon Farms Inc.—GREEK DANCER: March 24, 1st race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)
 Gretchen B. Mobberley—NO CONFLICT: March 23, 3rd race, \$926.25. OH PLEASE: March 31, 1st race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,104)
 Non Stop Stable—WONDER GIRL TORI: April 5, 6th race, \$2,351.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,643)
 Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: April 12, 3rd race, \$2,351.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$5,643)
 A. Brice Ridgely—DROP IT NOW: March 21, 3rd race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)
 Dianne L. Stern—JUST ASK ERIC: April 6, 1st race, \$1,068.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,565)
 Tuscany Farm LLC—TUSCANY'S EXPRESS: March 30, 1st race, \$783.75. (Total breeder bonuses—\$1,881)

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Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from March 19 to April 15, 2012.

SPECIAL MAIDEN RACE BONUS PAYMENTS

\$5,000 MSW PAYMENTS (March 19 - April 15, 2012):
 Christ is King Stable; George Greenwalt; Non Stop Stable.

MAIDEN CLAIMING PAYMENTS (March 19 - April 15, 2012):
 Elaine C. Bassford (\$3,000); Kimberly Ann Becker (\$4,000); Bonita Farm (\$2,000); Ruby Mae Gaddis (\$2,000); Robert E. Gamber (\$3,000); Half and Half Stable (\$3,000); Gretchen B. Mobberley (\$2,000); Tuscany Farm LLC (\$2,000).

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2012

(through May 8)

1. Barbecue Eddie \$199,000	11. Change of Command \$75,130
2. Bold Affair 100,860	12. Baileys Beach 68,630
3. Universal Language . . 89,950	13. Richard's Kid 67,000
4. King and Crusader . . . 87,600	14. Sneaky Lil 63,740
Midnite Silver 87,600	15. Incomplete 63,000
6. Action Andy 86,600	16. Dixie Notion 61,800
7. Monument Hill 84,160	17. Wild Louis 60,044
8. Jazzy Idea 78,300	18. Sound It Out 59,800
9. Hello Lover 76,620	19. Albrecht 56,660
10. Eighttofasttocatch . . . 75,750	20. Mandorla 56,605

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS),
these statistics were compiled on May 8. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2012. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2012

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Dance With Ravens . .	88	307	30	41	\$1,059,000
Lion Hearted	75	254	34	43	844,275
Not For Love	88	286	24	33	821,497
Two Punch	41	150	17	20	547,274
Great Notion	33	119	15	20	501,547
Louis Quatorze	55	185	14	18	483,204
Rock Slide	50	166	16	20	471,641
Gators N Bears	37	100	11	16	381,681
Outflanker	36	144	12	14	369,854
Go for Gin	34	125	13	15	239,143
Cherokee's Boy	13	50	6	7	166,298
Seeking Daylight	20	57	5	7	127,223
Deputy Storm	12	39	6	7	121,780
Scipion	17	59	2	3	109,331
Greek Sun	6	22	2	3	56,680

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	650	13,801	523	2,117	\$58,127,800
Allen's Prospect	927	23,228	768	3,360	54,415,000
Two Punch	865	16,494	669	2,487	50,304,900
Polish Numbers	439	9,183	362	1,352	32,949,300
Carnivalay	494	13,307	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze	537	9,938	393	1,291	28,404,100
Waquoit	469	11,126	358	1,492	26,316,400
Citidancer	296	7,024	254	1,216	25,335,300
Eastern Echo	416	8,524	289	1,109	22,483,500
Outflanker	327	7,004	255	1,023	21,344,000
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Lion Hearted	367	6,073	284	877	19,932,600
Deputed Testamony . .	352	10,209	267	1,403	18,499,600
Go for Gin	298	5,324	196	652	17,115,400
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500
Wayne County (Ire) . .	154	3,005	99	343	5,991,060
Dance With Ravens . .	165	1,960	100	241	5,761,350
Rock Slide	135	1,769	87	211	5,480,480
Mojave Moon	149	2,845	104	311	5,439,130
Crowd Pleaser	101	1,686	73	224	5,106,780
Great Notion	74	907	54	163	4,216,210
Aaron's Concorde . . .	84	1,922	63	204	3,955,250

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch	424	1,353	159	198	5,297,400
Not For Love	288	916	108	145	5,210,200
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze	254	783	78	99	3,103,150
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker	184	758	78	106	2,693,810
Lion Hearted	174	576	68	95	2,541,130
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Waquoit	198	681	56	81	1,920,960
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410
Go for Gin	154	498	31	38	941,794
Dance With Ravens . .	90	337	24	30	882,542
Deputed Testamony . .	174	695	38	51	761,008
Rock Slide	65	216	15	24	731,821
Mojave Moon	81	310	24	26	568,838
Great Notion	23	69	10	16	531,781
Deputy Storm	16	65	10	16	441,082
Wayne County (Ire) . .	63	208	22	24	408,713