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2012 Maryland-bred Champions

Profiles by Joe Clancy

Horse of the Year

Older Male • Turf Runner

Ben's Cat

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



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The early February winds started somewhere on the cliffs above Port Deposit, or around Turkey Point on the Chesapeake Bay, perhaps even on the flatlands of the upper Eastern Shore.

Regardless, they bit—hard—at a small farm in Warwick with a sharp edge honed by miles of open space. Snow blew across a turnout paddock from a drift on the driveway, naked trees swayed, puddles

froze over, a tattered Ravens flag flapped and frayed, two days before the Super Bowl.

Not that Ben's Cat minded. The 2012 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year was on vacation, taking his annual winter

break at Stanley Farm in southern Cecil County. Bred, owned and trained by King Leatherbury, the sprinting demon tears up regional race-tracks in the spring, summer and fall. Winter is for resting, recuperating and hanging out with pals Brownie (a retired lead pony) and Sammy (an overweight donkey). They wander the field, harass the cats, entertain visitors, sleep in the cozy barn—inseparable and predictable.

"It's the same thing every morning, I put the pony out first, then Ben herds them around all day," said Carol Hartmetz. "Ben's vacationing. I do as little with him as I can. He gets fed, he gets his feet picked out and gets turned out—every day."

Charles and Barbara Stanley own the place, but Hartmetz is in charge along with the millionaire sprinter who won five of nine starts in 2012. Ben's Cat landed the Mister Diz, Parx Dash, Turf Monster-G3, Maryland Million Turf Sprint and Fabulous Strike. All but the latter were on turf. He earned \$557,060 and finished the year with 19 wins in 29 career starts. His lifetime earnings of more than \$1.3 million place him 11th on the all-time list.

All those numbers helped him repeat as the state's Horse of the Year, outpolling Jazzy Idea (who beat him in the Laurel Dash in November) 76-57. Ben's Cat received 10 first-place votes—three more than Richard's Kid and four more than Jazzy Idea. Seven horses received at least one first-place vote.

Ben's Cat was also voted champion turf horse and champion older male. The numbers, the history, the achievements place Leatherbury's star among Maryland's greats with a back story to match anyone's—a turf/dirt sprinting dynamo who didn't start until age 4, whose sire now stands in Washington, who could have been claimed out of his first two races, who seems to improve with age. Most importantly, the 7-year-old gelding has taken Leatherbury on a three-year ride of excellence fitting a trainer with more than 6,360 lifetime victories.

"I'll never have another one like him, that's for sure," Leatherbury said. "He's a remarkable horse and I'm very fortunate to have him."

Injured as a 2-year-old, Ben's Cat didn't make it to the races until age 4 when he won a \$20,000 maiden claimer

on the dirt at Pimlico in May 2010. He won his next seven, not tasting defeat until second in a stakes going a mile on the inner dirt at Aqueduct that December. Nowadays, Ben's Cat never runs in December, never runs beyond 6 furlongs and rarely ventures off the turf—though he's won six of nine on dirt.

The dark bay started 2012 in Pimlico's Mister Diz in April, and won it for the third time. Two defeats followed, but he returned to form at a generous 10-1 in the Parx Dash in June—winning by 2 lengths while getting 5 furlongs in a course record 54.96 seconds.

Fourth in the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National in July, he bounced back to take his second consecutive Turf Monster-G3 at Parx in September, then added a third Maryland Million Turf Sprint at Laurel in October. Hotshot filly Jazzy Idea ran down Ben's Cat, who made the lead in the stretch, in the 6-furlong Laurel Dash while in receipt of five pounds. Then the champion added some icing to his cake, prevailing over a tough field that included Grade 1 winner Poseidon's Warrior in the Fabulous Strike at 6 furlongs on dirt at Penn National.

"The Turf Monster was probably his best race, but he was pretty tough all year," said Leatherbury. "That was a dynamite race at Penn. He's very consistent as long as I can keep him on the turf. He's pretty good on dirt too, but you meet better horses on the dirt."

Ben's Cat is by former Country Life Farm stallion Parker's Storm Cat and out of former Leatherbury runner Twofox. The daughter of Thirty Eight Paces won three times and placed in two stakes. Besides Ben's Cat, she produced five winners. Her full-sister Thirty Eight Go Go won multiple stakes and earned more than \$800,000. Another full-sister, Endette, produced \$921,574 earner Ah Day.

All that pedigree has to help, but Leatherbury paid plenty of credit to his horse's schedule too.

"He gets a break, every year, and it has to help," he said. "He's sound. His ankles, knees, joints are fine and I'm looking forward to getting him back in the barn. He's 7 so it's hard to expect another banner year, but he's still got some really good races in him."

After some really good days on the farm.



Jim McCue

Two-Year-Old Female Mystic Love

*Dk.b./br.f., 2010, Not For Love—Memories of Mystic,
by Dixie Union. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm;
owned by John Davison; trained by Francis and Jessica Campitelli.
Foaled at Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco.*

You can't get much more important than Obeah when it comes to Thoroughbred bloodlines in Maryland or anywhere. On the track, the Christiana Stables star won the Delaware Handicap (twice). As a broodmare, mated to the finest stallions in the country, she produced champion Go for Wand, future sire Carnivalay, graded stakes winner and sire Dance Spell, graded stakes winner Discorama and others.

Obeah's influence is five generations back in Mystic Love's female family, but the great mare is there along with a host of others that shout quality—Mississippi Mud, Linkage, Raja Baba, Northern Dancer, Hoist the Flag and so on. The mix of past and pres-

ent (she's by Not For Love) made Mystic Love a force in 2012, as she won three of four starts and earned \$174,760 to claim the honor of champion Maryland-bred juvenile filly for owner John Davison and trainers Jessie and Frannie Campitelli.

Mystic Love owes her heritage to breeders David and JoAnn Hayden of Dark Hollow Farm, who spent \$25,000 to claim Mystic Dance as a broodmare prospect in 1995. She produced Memories of Mystic (by Dixie Union), who won one race and joined the Dark Hollow breeding program in 2008. Mystic Love is her second foal.

Davison bought the future champion at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic East-

ern Fall yearling sale for \$21,000. She's proved to be a bargain with an easy debut win in September going 5½ furlongs on the Laurel Park turf. With no turf option for 2-year-olds in the Maryland Million, Mystic Love went to the Lassie and finished fifth.

She went back to the turf in Laurel's Selima, and prevailed by three-quarters of a length, again sprinting 5½ furlongs. Looking for a stretch-out—but not too much of a stretch-out—the Campitellis matched their filly up against males in the 1-mile Dania Beach Stakes

at Gulfstream Park Dec. 15. She made the boys work, winning by a half-length at 16-1.

Mystic Love won out over an accomplished group at the top of the Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies class. Sagamore Farm's Walkwithapurpose also went 3-for-4, includ-

ing a season-ending romp in the Maryland Juvenile Fillies Championship while Columbine Stable's Magical Moon placed in the Grade 1 Alcibiades at Keeneland. 🐾

Two-Year-Old Male

Alpha Mike Foxtrot

*B.g., 2010, by Two Punch—Shashobegon, by Broad Brush.
Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard Small;
owned by Larry Knight Jr.; trained by Richard Small.
Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown.*

Breeding is all about family, pedigree, generations, time and patience. Have enough of them all and you'll find success, or at least a lifetime of connections.

Two-year-old champion male Alpha Mike Foxtrot owes his existence to Kimonina, a foal of 1989 bred by Tom Bowman and the Meyerhoff family's Hawksworth Farm. She won two races for trainer Dickie Small and jockey Andrea Seefeldt. The daughter of Hawksworth great Spectacular Bid and the Chieftain mare Chieftains Miss became a broodmare, and was booked to the Small-trained superstar Broad Brush. Her first foal, Shashobegon, won 14 times for Small and earned \$531,904.

When her racing career ended in 2000, she joined her mother in the broodmare band. Alpha Mike Foxtrot, by Two Punch, was born in 2010. Bred by Small, Bowman and Bowman's wife Chris, he is owned by Seefeldt and her husband Larry Knight. The bay gelding won two of nine starts as a juvenile, piled up \$139,720 in earnings and was a unanimous choice (all 32 first-place votes went his way) as the divisional champion.

The year began at Monmouth Park in June and Alpha Mike Foxtrot finished a decent if unspectacular third in a \$50,000 maiden claimer. He won his next start, going 5 furlongs in maiden special weight company at Delaware



Jim McCue

Park a month later. He finished second (by a neck) to upset winner Keep Momma Happy in the Maryland Million Nursery in Laurel in October and placed in the James F. Lewis III Stakes. Seemingly stuck at 1-for-8 with three seconds and two thirds, Alpha Mike Foxtrot saved the best for last when he prevailed in a rough Maryland Juvenile Championship at Laurel

Dec. 29. Jockey Forest Boyce checked several times and went wide off the turn, but her horse drew off late to win by 2¼ lengths on a sloppy track.

Sadly, that was his last win, and another example of the extremes of racing and breeding Thoroughbreds. Alpha Mike Foxtrot broke down in Laurel's Miracle Wood Stakes in February and was euthanized. 🐾

Three-Year-Old Filly

Jazzy Idea

*Dk.b./br.f., 2009, Great Notion—Jazz Band, by Dixieland Band.
Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Merryman; owned and trained by
Edwin Merryman. Foaled at Anchor and Hope Farm, Port Deposit.*

At Maryland Million time, Edwin Merryman sweated a decision with speedy stable star Jazzy Idea. She'd been first or second in all seven turf starts and never won beyond 6 furlongs. She would fit in the Turf Sprint at 5½ furlongs or

the Distaff at 7 furlongs on the dirt. Then again, the Oaks at a mile could be an option.

The owner, trainer and co-breeder didn't really want to send his 3-year-old filly out against Ben's Cat in the Turf Sprint or Bold Affair in the

Distaff so opted for the Oaks. He needn't have fretted. Proving versatile in terms of surface and distance, Jazzy Idea decimated the Oaks field—sitting just off favored Spring Dance before powering away by 6¾ lengths at Laurel Park Oct. 6. The win made Merryman a Maryland Million winner alongside sisters Katy Voss and Ann Merryman (another sister, Lizzie Merryman, joined the honor roll a few races later).

Not finished with her season, Jazzy Idea went back to sprinting on the turf and

knocked off Ben's Cat in the Laurel Dash, lowering her 6-furlong course record to 1:07.29 in the Oct. 27 stakes. The victory couldn't push Ben's Cat off the Horse of the Year pedestal, but did more than enough to sew up a unanimous vote for champion 3-year-old filly. Jazzy Idea wound up second in the voting for Horse of the Year and turf categories, and fourth in the sprint division.

"That was quite a day," Merryman said of the Laurel Dash win. "I love Ben's Cat, he's some horse, but how of-



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ten do plans like that work out? He ran his race and so did she. Setting her up with the dirt mile, it might work out one in a hundred. She was absolutely the best she'd been that day and it showed."

Jazzy Idea stayed busy in 2012, getting started April 1

at Pimlico. Second in allowance company that day, she returned 19 days after to win that condition going 5 furlongs, then added the Thirty Flags Stakes going 6 furlongs at Belmont Park May 2. Second in a stakes on Black-Eyed Susan Day at Pimlico,

the daughter of Great Notion took her act on the road for the summer—winning the Crank It Up Stakes at Monmouth, finishing second in the Lady Charles Town Stakes in West Virginia, testing Grade 1 company on the dirt at Saratoga (fourth in the Prioress and fifth in the Test) before returning to Maryland when racing began again at Laurel in September.

Sprinting 6 furlongs on the turf, she set a course record in the Jameela Stakes, winning by 3 lengths over Colony Club. Sixth on the dirt in the \$400,000 Charles Town Oaks, she closed her season with the two victories—going 6-for-12 on the year with earnings of \$392,270.

She spent the winter recuperating from minor surgery to repair an incomplete condylar fracture, and by February was turned out. Merryman expected to have her back at his Fair Hill Training Center base in April, with a summer return to racing on the calendar.

"I hope the story still has some more to go, but she's going to get whatever time she needs," Merryman said. "It's been pretty neat how she's de-

veloped. The best thing about her is her racing brain. She has the greatest racing brain of any horse I've been around and you couldn't ask for a nicer horse to work around."

As is so often the case in racing, happenstance played a big role.

Lizzie Merryman bought a yearling Dixieland Band filly at Keeneland in 2002. Named Jazz Band, she never ran and wound up part of Edwin's breeding program at Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit as payment in a land deal between the siblings. After producing two mediocre winners, Jazz Band was sent to Northview Stallion Station's Great Notion on the advice of Edwin's son Louis Merryman (general manager of the Chesapeake City farm).

Jazzy Idea has an unraced 3-year-old full-sister, Second Line, who looks more like "long on the grass" will be her thing, and Jazz Band was due to have a Great Notion foal in February.

Three-Year-Old Male Bellefire

*Ch.c., 2009, Proud Citizen—Lovely Langfuhr, by Langfuhr.
Bred and owned by Joe Balsamo; trained by Leo Azpurua Jr.
Foaled at Summer Wind Farm, Libertytown.*



Coady Photography

Joe Balsamo is not in the breeding business. Got it?

"No, no, no, no, noooo, I'm not in the breeding business," he said, in case you were in doubt. "This business it tough enough just as an owner. I'm in it to have a little fun, we've done well and I enjoy it."

Of course, on his first try he bred Maryland's champion 3-year-old male of 2012, Bellefire. The son of Proud Citizen won four of 11 on the year for Balsamo and trainer Leo Azpurua Jr., rising through the maiden and allowance ranks in Florida and placing in three stakes. The record made the chestnut a lopsided winner over King and Crusader for the crown, the first (obviously) for the breeder, whose record as an owner includes standouts Weigelia, Sweet-northern-saint and others.

Bellefire came to be somewhat by chance. His dam, Lovely Langfuhr, was injured in training—a week before she was set to make her debut for trainer Mike Trombetta. With potential, conformation and some morning speed on her side, Lovely Langfuhr became Balsamo's first broodmare. She had two foals, Bellefire and 2012 juvenile maiden winner Lightning Cutter, before losing her third foal and dying from the complications.

"She never ran, but was very quick in the morning and a beautiful horse so I bred her," Balsamo said of Lovely Langfuhr, a daughter of Langfuhr.

Bellefire delivered for his mother with a debut win at Tampa Bay Downs in February. He lost his next three before winning allowance races

at Calder (the second on the turf) in June and July. He then placed third behind future graded stakes winner Csaba in the El Kaiser Stakes on the dirt and was third again in the Naked Greed Stakes on turf, both at Calder. After a six-week break, Bellefire re-

turned to win an allowance by 6 lengths at Calder Nov. 2 before chasing home California invader Brigand in the City of Laurel Stakes at Laurel Park in December.

A real estate executive in Baltimore, Balsamo enjoyed the local start for his horse.

The owner has had a long relationship with the Azpurua family in Florida, and with Trombetta. Weigelia earned more than \$1 million while winning two graded stakes and placing in the King's Bishop-G1. Sweetnorthernstair finished seventh as the favor-

ite in the 2006 Kentucky Derby-G1 and was second in the Preakness Stakes-G1 for Balsamo and partner Ted Theos and went on to earn \$947,632. 🍀

Older Female Bold Affair

Ch.m., 2008, by Two Punch—Hunka Hunka Lori Z, by Colonial Affair. Bred and owned by Charles Reed and Michael Zanella; trained by Howard Wolfendale. Foaled at Green Willow Farm, Westminster.

She won a championship in 2011 with a single, out-of-town stakes win, so Bold Affair dove into 2012 like she needed to make up for lost time—winning five stakes (all in Maryland) and locking down the Maryland-bred champion older female category in a landslide.

The big chestnut received all but one of 32 first-place votes to outpoint Catch a Thief and Colony Club and add to last year's champion 3-year-old filly crown. The year started early with a New Year's Day trip to Aqueduct for the Interborough Stakes, where she finished a dull fifth to confirm trainer Howard Wolfendale's opinion that shipping really doesn't suit Bold Affair. Back in Maryland, she won three of her next four including stakes victories in the Conriver, Primonetta and Skipat,

the latter a Preakness weekend highlight at Pimlico for owners/breeders Chip Reed and Mike Zanella. The mare they all call Big Bird finished second in the Sweet and Sassy Stakes at Delaware Park in late June, then found perhaps the most important ingredient of her championship season—some rest.

"We gave her a break over the summer because she didn't really care for the heat, and it gave her time to get over some stuff," said trainer Howard Wolfendale. "She's not the greatest shipper, a nervous kind of filly, not a good doer. She's got her issues, but she's good, real good."

Wolfendale aimed for the Maryland Million and used a rare turf start in the Jameela Stakes at Laurel as a tightener Sept. 5. Bold Affair finished sixth behind Jazzy Idea, but



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the race served its purpose. In the Maryland Million Distaff going 7 furlongs Oct. 6, Bold Affair toyed with five rivals—leading at every call and storming home by 13¼ lengths at 1-5. The finish wasn't that close, and left Wolfendale grasping at an explanation.

"I didn't think she could do that," he said. "Granted, she probably outclassed those horses but the way she did it, she's something special."

The win was extra special as Bold Affair missed the 2011 Million while recovering from

knee surgery, rewarding longtime partners Reed and Zanella with their first victory in the state's signature program.

They bred their stakes-winning mare Hunka Hunka Lori Z, named after Zanella's wife Lori, to Two Punch and got a star. Bold Affair added the Geisha Stakes in November, then finished third in the Thirty Eight Go Go in December to close the year. She won half her 10 starts for the year, finished second or third three times, and earned \$322,520. 🍀

Sprinter Action Andy

Dk.b./br.g., 2007, Gators N Bears—Love Me Twice, by Not For Love. Bred by Carol Kaye; owned by Robert Gerczak; trained by Carlos Garcia. Foaled at Wellington Park Farm, Woodbine.

Named after a gambler, Maryland's champion sprinter of 2012 Action Andy goes all in on the racetrack. And he

collects, frequently. His 2012 haul included seven wins in a dozen starts and earnings of \$448,760.

Not bad for a horse who lost eight of his first nine career starts.

"He had a lot of physical problems when he was young, he had the wobbles and things," said trainer Carlos Garcia. "You could see the talent, he just couldn't let it out the way he was. He got a chance to show how good he was."

Garcia credited equine acupuncturist and chiropractor Dr. Allison Faber with help-

ing Action Andy become the horse he is—a multiple stakes winner at home on turf and dirt in Maryland, Virginia and Florida. The name came from Laurel regular and fellow Marylander "Action" Andy Andrews. The success came via a long 2012 campaign that began Jan. 7 at Tampa Bay Downs and didn't end until Dec. 29 at Gulfstream Park. Action Andy made at least one start in every month but April, August and November



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(doubling up in March, October and December).

The win parade started in the Pelican Stakes at Tampa,

the first of three early-season wins (including a 6½-furlong track record) at the Florida track. He lost his next two,

the Sir Shackleton at Gulfstream Park and the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint Handicap at Pimlico on Preakness Day, but quickly rebounded with a turf score in the 1-mile Da Hoss Stakes at Colonial Downs June 16. He finished second, beaten a head, in the Kitten's Joy going 1¼ miles in July, then tried the turf once more when he faded to seventh in the Japan Racing Association at Laurel.

Garcia chalked those two up to soft course conditions, then went back to the dirt—where Action Andy sparked with two October stakes wins at Laurel. He won the Maryland Million Sprint after battling for the lead throughout, then stepped up in class and won the \$350,000 Frank J. De Frances Memorial Dash with a

closing kick—edging Il Villano by a nose at 10-1.

Back to Florida after a short break, Action Andy won the Pelican (again) at Tampa and finished third in the Mr. Prospector Stakes-G3 at Gulfstream Park.

Bred by Garcia's ex-wife Carol Kaye, Action Andy carries a regal Maryland pedigree. His dam Love Me Twice is a half-sister to stakes winners Baltimore Belle, Baltimore Bob and Gabianna. In addition to Action Andy, Love Me Twice has produced six-time winner Sainly Love and current 2-year-old Phlash Phelps, who sold for \$85,000 to Ellen Charles at the Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall yearling sale in October.



Doughs Lees

Steeplechaser Incomplete

*B.g., 2001, by Press Card—Sioux Lady, by Poker.
Bred by Hugo Procopio; owned by Robert Kinsley;
trained by Ann Stewart. Foaled at Shamrock Farm, Woodbine.*

Greg Wilson spoke for everyone when he talked about Incomplete late in 2012. Nine years earlier, the trainer cared for the hardy bay—over-

seeing a flat career with more doubts than promise.

"Gosh, it's been a long time," Wilson said. "I think I won two races on the flat with

him. He broke his maiden and won a never-won-two-lifetime. A lot of times, horses can't get past that, he was never going to win a never-won-three-lifetime."

On the flat.

Over timber, and all those years, Incomplete became a champion—winning five stakes and earning \$166,950 for new connections Bob Kinsley and Ann Stewart since making his jump debut in 2007. The son of Press Card claimed the 2012 National Steeplechase Association timber championship with three wins in as many starts and repeated as champion Maryland-bred steeplechaser. Incomplete won the My Lady's Manor (a race he won in 2009), Virginia Gold Cup and National Sporting Library Chronicle Cup. The three stakes scores gave him \$84,000 on the year, more earnings than any other timber horse, and pushed him to the top of a quality list of Maryland-bred timber topers—including Grinding Speed and Twill Do.

It all started with Wilson. Bred and owned by Hugo and Marilyn Procopio, Incomplete made 29 starts in 17 months at Laurel, Pimlico, Colonial Downs and Timonium.

"He was always a sound horse, he was a very tough

horse in the morning," Wilson said. "He was the kind of horse that it could be 20 degrees outside and you'd send him out there for a gallop, he would come back in a lather. He got a full bath in 20-degree weather and never got sick a day in his life. Just a very tough horse in the morning."

The losses mounted, however, and Incomplete was on the short list in the early spring of 2005 when spotted by Dawn Williams. A former assistant to Wilson, Williams regularly converts flat horses to foxhunters, point-to-pointers and steeplechasers. Incomplete fit the general description so Williams took him home, taught him to jump and contacted trainer Ann Stewart, who sold the horse to Kinsley after a failed experiment as a ladies hunter. Stewart enlisted Sarah Stein and later Beth Supik to help refine the project.

"You need a pretty good rider, Sarah made the horse and Beth (Supik) does a great job, she's a good rider," Stewart said. "He doesn't want to throw you off, he's just so exuberant, he just goes out and goes dancing every day. It's exhausting."

Incomplete rose through the steeplechase ranks—winning his first three starts (albeit over three years) including

that 2009 Manor win. He briefly tried the Maryland Hunt Cup trail, but labored over the bigger fences. He fully arrived in 2011, winning the International Gold Cup and placing in the New Jersey Hunt Cup

late in the year. His 2012 was perfect with spring wins at the Manor and Virginia Gold Cup. He dominated the Chronicle Cup at Middleburg, Va., in October and would have been a heavy favorite to repeat in

the International Gold Cup before going to the sidelines with tendon issues.

Stewart expects a return to action, and will remain patient.

"It's seldom you have one that finishes like he does, he

does it so easily," she said. "He amazes me. He tried every time. They think he'll come back, if he wants to come back, I'll let him come back. You know what I mean?"

Maryland-bred Championship Voting

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

2-year-old male

Alpha Mike Foxtrot (160)
I Stand Alone (68)
Keep Momma Happy (39)

3-year-old male

Bellefire (133)
King and Crusader (88)
Charge (47)

Older male

Ben's Cat (91)
Richard's Kid (87)
Action Andy (68)
Poseidon's Warrior (19)
Delaunay (7)

Sprinter

Action Andy (90)
Ben's Cat (75)
Poseidon's Warrior (62)
Jazzy Idea (27)
Delaunay (14)
Bold Affair (6)

Turf

Ben's Cat (144)
Jazzy Idea (96)
Madame Giry (24)
Mystic Love (7)

Horse of the year

Ben's Cat (76)
Jazzy Idea (57)
Richard's Kid (52)
Action Andy (49)
Poseidon's Warrior (21)
Bold Affair (16)
Delaunay (5)

2-year-old filly

Mystic Love (145)
Walkwithapurpose (74)
Magical Moon (51)

3-year-old filly

Jazzy Idea (160)
Madame Giry (77)
Charged Cotton (31)

Older female

Bold Affair (158)
Catch a Thief (73)
Colony Club (26)
Bayonne (8)
Sneaky Lil (6)

Steeplechaser

Incomplete (154)
Grinding Speed (72)
Twill Do (39)

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, Maryland Jockey Club racing secretary Georganne Hale, stakes coordinator Coleman Blind, communications director Mike Gathagan and track announcer Dave Rodman, Bill Brasaemle and Keith Feustle of *Equibase*, free-lance writers Andy Beyer, Ted Black, Sean Clancy, Maggie Kimmitt, Vinnie Perrone and John Scheinman, radio host Stan Salter, photographer Lydia Williams and Maryland website blogger Frank Vespe.

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MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



Broad Rule continues legacy for Meyerhoff

Broad Rule, the 12th foal out of Robert Meyerhoff's famed producer Illeria, recorded his first stakes win with a gutsy effort in the \$125,000 Fire Plug Stakes at Laurel Park Jan. 21.

The only Maryland-bred in the six-horse field stalked the pace for Forrest Boyce, took command with a sixteenth of a mile to go and held on to win by a neck over Harbor Kid in 1:11.60 for 6 furlongs. In a field that included even-money favorite Immortal Eyes, Broad Rule paid \$35.20.

Trained by Richard Small for Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh LLC, the son of Dixie Union was winless in 10 starts last year after closing his 2011 campaign with back-to-back scores. He was fifth in his previous two stakes attempts, the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash at Laurel and Valley Forge Stakes at Parx Racing.

Broad Rule improved to 5-for-26 lifetime with earnings of \$238,215. He is the ninth stakes horse from 13 foals for Illeria, a daughter of Stop the Music purchased by Meyerhoff for \$350,000 at the Keeneland November sale in 1994 while carrying her first foal.

When bred to Meyerhoff's Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Broad Brush, Illeria produced Grade 1-winning

millionaire Include, Maryland-bred Horse of the Year of 2001 and a successful sire; Maryland-bred champion Magic Broad (\$216,120, Selima S-G3, etc.); multiple stakes winner Encaustic, an earner of \$645,330; stakes winner Magical Broad; and stakes-placed Implicit (\$260,636) and Loaded Brush (\$212,390). Her other stakes performers were Concern's son Invent (\$149,080), and her final foal, the 2009 Officer filly Officer's Holiday, who placed third in the Wide Country Stakes, her only stakes appearance, in 2012. Illeria's offspring have earned more than \$3.6 million.

The 2001 Maryland Broodmare of the Year, Illeria died at age 22 in 2009.



Bold Affair adds What a Summer Stakes

Charles Reed and Mike Zanella's big chestnut mare Bold Affair made short work of seven rivals when she galloped to victory in the \$125,000 What a Summer Stakes at Laurel Park Jan. 12.

Bold Affair was reluctant to load and needed the help of several members of the gate crew. Out quickly in the 6-furlong test, Bold Affair sat outside Dance to Bristol and Silver Heart before pushing to the front around the turn and pulling away through the

stretch to win by 4½ lengths in 1:10.61.

"She has a little attitude sometimes. It happened to me before at Pimlico but as soon as we started rolling I knew we would be okay," said Abel Castellano, who rode the winner. "She was feeling comfortable and got to the lead whenever she wanted. Once she switched leads, she took off."

Howard Wolfendale trains the 5-year-old, who paid \$3.40 as the 3-5 favorite. Champion Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly of 2011 and older mare of 2012, the daughter of Two Punch won five stakes in Maryland last year from March through November. She is the third winner from as many foals for stakes winner Hunka Hunka Lori Z (by Colonial Affair), who has not produced a live foal since Bold Affair. The win increased Bold Affair's bankroll to \$599,540.

Delaunay makes it four stakes wins in a row

Delaunay proved time and again to be one of the best claims of 2012. The gelded son of Smoke Glacken, who races for Maggi Moss, recorded his fourth stakes win in a row, and fifth in his last six starts since being taken for \$40,000 by trainer Tom Amoss at Churchill Downs last May.

The 6-year-old gelding solidified his position as the leading Fair Grounds-based sprinter with an impressive tally in the \$75,000 F.W. Gaudin Memorial Handicap Jan. 26. Under Shaun Bridgmohan, the 3-5 favorite set splits of :21.44 and :44.12, shook off Hamiltonian approaching the quarter pole and drew clear to win by 4¾ lengths in 1:09.06 for 6 furlongs.

Running exclusively in stakes races for his current connections, Delaunay also has scores in the Kelly's Landing and Bet On Sunshine at Churchill Downs, the Temperance Hill at Louisiana Downs and Thanksgiving Handicap at Fair Grounds. A winner of seven of his 11 starts last year, he has compiled a lifetime mark of 37-12-8-3 for earnings of \$449,455.

Delaunay was bred by Robert Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh LLC, for whom he raced until lost for \$32,000 in January 2012. He is the second foal from the stakes-winning Perilous Night (by Coronado's Quest), also the dam of stakes-placed Night Officer. Delaunay's second dam is Grade 3 winner Broad Smile (by Broad Brush), who is out of Grade 1 winner Wings of Jove.



Walkwithapurpose takes control in Wide Country

Sagamore Farm's Walkwithapurpose didn't have the best of trips in her fifth career start, but overcame it all with a dominating score in the \$125,000 Wide Country Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Laurel Park Feb. 2. It was the fourth win in a row for the bay daughter of Candy Ride (Arg), and boosted her career earnings to \$182,210.

Walkwithapurpose almost went to her knees at the start and after bouncing off her nearest rivals, settled into stride. Jeremy Rose had her tracking the speed before he sent her after the leaders into the stretch. She drew away by 4¾ lengths over Power Lady while getting 7 furlongs in 1:27.04.

"Today she showed how good she is," said Rose. "Nothing went her way. She never even got her correct lead until after the finish line when she took off. Nearly going on her head at the break, running on the wrong lead and not being where we wanted to be and she still dominated the field. She is a nice horse."

Rose is now 4-for-4 aboard the filly, after picking up the mount for her maiden win at Laurel Oct. 3. Walkwithapur-

pose is undefeated at Laurel, winning an allowance Nov. 16 and the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Dec. 31.

Trainer Ignacio Correas indicates the ultimate goal for the filly is the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2 at Pimlico May 17. "She is a Maryland-bred,

we are a Maryland operation and I see no reason why to take her out of town until there isn't a race for her here. There is no reason to look for trouble somewhere else."

Walkwithapurpose is the third stakes performer from as many foals produced for

Sagamore Farm by the Broad Brush mare Lightning Lydia, a full-sister to multiple Grade 1 winner Schossberg purchased by Sagamore for \$57,000 at the 2007 Keeneland November sale. Walkwithapurpose is a half-sister to 2012 All Brandy Stakes winner Charged Cot-

ton and 2010 Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes third-place finisher Go Maire Tu. Sagamore sold Lightning Lydia for \$20,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November sale while in foal to Broken Vow. 🍀

Fans vote for favorite Maryland-breds

More than 320 fans of Maryland-bred runners jumped at the chance to select their favorites for 2012. And as with most online surveys, the results offered a few slam dunks and a few surprises.

The first fan poll conducted by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association was created to determine the most popular horses to compete in 2012. The "fan favorites" will be recognized along with the Maryland-bred champions at the MHBA's annual awards dinner this spring.

Online voting was open to everyone, but in order to be counted, the entire survey needed to be completed. Sixty-one submissions had to be disregarded.

The favorite runners by division:

Two-year-old male
Alpha Mike Foxtrot

Two-year-old female
Mystic Love

Three-year-old male
King and Crusader

Three-year-old female
Jazzy Idea

Older male
Ben's Cat

Older female
Bold Affair

Turf runner and sprinter
Colony Club

Steeplechaser
Twill Do

Jazzy Idea received the most votes, with 145.

While the results paralleled the 2012 champions in many categories, there were four differences.

James Riccio's King and Crusader (Lion Heart—Sugarloaf, by Regal Intention), made news in January by winning two races in three days at Aqueduct, including the Jimmy Winkfield Stakes, and got the nod over Bellefire.

The favorite steeplechaser was Twill Do (Yarrow Brae—A Little Wild, by Wild Again). Lucy Goelet's gelding won his

second Maryland Hunt Cup in 2012.

The favorite turf runner and sprinter, Alexandra White's mare Colony Club (Lion Hearted—Wild Shine, by Wild Again), hit the board in four of her six starts, won Monmouth Park's Kassy Briefcase Stakes, and finished third behind millionaires Ben's Cat and Heros Reward in Maryland Million Turf Sprint. She also proved she has a substantial fan base with access to the Internet. 🍀



King and Crusader

Jim McCue



Colony Club

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Twill Do

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Lydia A. Williams

The Retired Racehorse Training Project (January magazine) continued with a demonstration at the Maryland Horse World Expo in January and another at the Pennsylvania Expo in late February. Left: Alluring Punch flew a fence during a free jumping session. Top: Eclipse champion 2-year-old Declan's Moon went through some flat work with trainer/rider Stuart Pittman. See retiredracehorsetraining.org for more.

Jazzy Idea tops state media vote

Edwin Merryman's Jazzy Idea was named 2012 Maryland-based Horse of the Year by the Maryland Racing Media Association.

The Maryland-bred daughter of Great Notion out of the Dixieland Band mare Jazz Band won six of 12 starts her sophomore season, includ-

ing five stakes, and earned \$392,270. Highlights of her campaign included a victory over Ben's Cat in the Laurel Dash Stakes on the turf, in which she completed 6 furlongs in a course record 1:07.45, breaking the previous mark she set when winning the Jameela Stakes less than two months earlier.

Trained at Fair Hill Training Center by Merryman, who bred the filly with his wife Sass, Jazzy Idea captured the Maryland Million Oaks at Laurel, Crank It Up Stakes at Monmouth and Thirty Flags Stakes at Aqueduct. 🐾

Polar Bear Plungers brave frigid day for great cause

Snow on the beach could not deter Team Jim McKay Maryland Million Day at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis Jan. 26. Water temperatures rose to a balmy 35 degrees, and tens of thousands of brave souls charged into the Chesapeake Bay and raced right back out again in the name of Special Olympics Maryland.

Right before the 1 p.m. Plunge, the beach crawled with strange costumes and marked-bodies proclaiming "I'm plunging for my brother" and the like. Team Maryland Million Day stood out in their red 2012 Maryland Million

hats. This year's 14-person team included second-time Plunger Tim Keefe and his son Colby. Sisters Lacey and Gabby Gaudet also participated, and ended the day planning costumes for next year.

Lead fundraiser for the team was Robin Graham, who raised \$883 according to current totals. She wore a polar bear hat with attached mittens, and proclaimed she felt better than ever after plunging. This year's overall fundraising goal was \$2.8 million and Team Jim McKay Maryland Million Day contributed \$2,271 with donations still being tallied. 🐾





MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
December 24, 2012 to January 20, 2013.

Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes

December 29. Purse \$100,000-guaranteed. For 2-year-olds, registered Maryland-breds. 7½ fur. 9 competed. (Closed with 19 nominations.) Winner: ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT, by Two Punch. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small (\$10,500). Stallion bonus: Two Punch Syndicate (\$5,250). Second: HANKY DOODLE, by Cherokee's Boy. Breeder bonus: ZWP Stable and Non Stop Stable (\$3,500). Stallion bonus: ZWP Stable (\$1,750). Third: PEEDS IN A POD, by Lion Heart. Breeder bonus: Green Willow Farms (\$1,750). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: AWESOME DEVINE, by Fairbanks. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III (\$1,050). Stallion bonus: None.

Dave's Friend Stakes

December 29. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 26 nominations.) No Maryland-breds in top six.

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes

December 31. Purse \$100,000-guaranteed. For 2-year-old fillies, registered Maryland-breds. 7½ fur. 5 competed. (Closed with 7 nominations.) Winner: WALK-

WITHAPURPOSE, by Candy Ride (Arg). Breeder bonus: Sagamore Farm LLC (\$10,500). Stallion bonus: None. Second: HOT FUN, by Latent Heat. Breeder bonus: Brice Ridgely (\$3,500). Stallion bonus: None. Third: NO MEANS NO, by Louis Quatorze. Breeder bonus: Albert H. Cohen, Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen (\$1,750). Stallion bonus: Louis Quatorze Syndicate (\$875). Fourth: STORMY ADVENTURE, by Deputy Storm. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (\$1,050). Stallion bonus: Deputy Storm Syndicate (\$525).

Broad Brush Stakes

December 31. \$25,000 Maryland Fund purse premium. For 3-year-olds and up. 1½ mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 20 nominations.) Winner: None. Second: EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH, by Not For Love. Owner bonus: Sylvia E. Heft (\$5,000). Third: None. Fourth: None. Fifth: None. Sixth: None.

Breeder bonuses

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Beck—CENTRIPE-TAL MOTION: Jan. 5, 9th race, \$1,496.25. CONNOR THE CONCH: Jan. 19, 9th race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. TYLER'S SMILE: Dec. 27, 1st race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$6,284.25) Bonita Farm—TOOTH N CLAW: Dec. 31, 3rd race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736) Bonita Farm and Timothy N. Hopkins—CALCUTTA CAT: Jan. 4, 5th race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736) Mary B. Boskin—THE MAN'S HOSS: Jan. 4, 3rd race, \$2,493.75/\$1,781.25. (\$4,275)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—STORMY ADVENTURE: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$1,050.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III—AWESOME DEVINE: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$1,050.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$10,500; Jan. 19, 8th race, \$3,500. (\$14,000)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and Oxley and Clay, et al—HONEST TRUTH: Jan. 4, 1st race, \$1,795.50/\$1,282.50. (\$3,078)
CKNPS Breeding—DEVILISH GAIT: Dec. 29, 4th race, \$2,294.25.
Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable—EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH: Dec. 31, 8th race, \$3,500.
Rosalee C. Davison Revocable Trust—NASTAR MEDALLIST: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$1,496.25.
Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—ARCTIC RAVEN: Jan. 10, 3rd race, \$1,496.25.
Mike Gill—SHORDAWAYADRINK: Dec. 27, 6th race, \$2,892.75.
Glade Valley Farms Inc.—MARYLAND MYSTIQUE: Dec. 27, 2nd race, \$2,094.75.
Robin L. Graham and Mary E. Jones—SARBANES: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
Green Willow Farms—PEEDS IN A POD: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$1,750.
Keith A. Harpster—LUNAR ROCK: Jan. 19, 8th race, \$1,750.
Michael J. Harrison DVM—FRENCH MISTRESS: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736)
Hickory Plains LLC—NO MEANS NO: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$1,750.
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—LOVE TALK: Dec. 31, 2nd race, \$1,695.75.
MYSTICAL TERP: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$3,990. (\$5,685.75)
J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—COUGAR HILL: Dec. 27, 3rd race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50; Jan. 17, 2nd race, \$1,296.75. (\$3,690.75)
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—BOWMAN'S BOY: Jan. 19, 5th race, \$2,793.
Gretchen B. Moberley—SMOOTH APPROACH: Jan. 11, 1st race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.—REGAL SOLO: Dec. 31, 7th race, \$4,289.25.

Non Stop Stable and ZWP Stable—HANKY DOODLE: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$3,500.
PTK LLC—WILD LOUIS: Dec. 28, 7th race, \$3,990.
Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm, LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: Jan. 11, 2nd race, \$3,192.
Charles Reed and Michael Zanella—BOLD AFFAIR: Jan. 12, 8th race, \$10,500.
Rickman Racing LLC—ECHO BYE: Dec. 31, 9th race, \$1,596/\$1,140. (\$2,736)
Brice Ridgely—HOT FUN: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$3,500.
Sagamore Farm LLC—WALKWITHAPURPOSE: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$10,500.
Tara Farms Inc.—DON'T SCIP A CHECK: Jan. 9, 3rd race, \$1,396.50/\$997.50. (\$2,394)
Thornmar Farm—VIDEO STORM: Jan. 12, 2nd race, \$2,493.75.

Owner bonuses

Patricia V. Haun Beck—CONNOR THE CONCH: Jan. 19, 9th race, \$1,396.50. TYLER'S SMILE: Dec. 27, 1st race, \$1,396.50. (\$2,793)
Mary B. Boskin—THE MAN'S HOSS: Jan. 4, 3rd race, \$2,493.75.
Fast Enough Stable VI—BRENDA'S WAY: Jan. 11, 2nd race, \$3,192.
Robin L. Graham and Mary E. Jones—SARBANES: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$1,396.50.
Michael J. Harrison DVM—FRENCH MISTRESS: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$1,596.
Alvin M. Lapidus—REGAL SOLO: Dec. 31, 7th race, \$4,289.25.
Mark B. Lapidus LLC—BOWMAN'S BOY: Jan. 19, 5th race, \$2,793.
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—COUGAR HILL: Dec. 27, 3rd race, \$1,396.50.
Gretchen B. Moberley—SMOOTH APPROACH: Jan. 11, 1st race, \$1,396.50.
Charles J. Reed—CALCUTTA CAT: Jan. 4, 5th race, \$1,596.
Rickman Racing LLC—ECHO BYE: Dec. 31, 9th race, \$1,596.
Manfred Roos and John Rigattieri—MYSTICAL TERP: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$3,990.
Tara Farms Inc.—DON'T SCIP A CHECK: Jan. 9, 3rd race, \$1,396.50.
Team Gaudet—WILD LOUIS: Dec. 28, 7th race, \$3,990.

Breeder loyalty bonuses

Additional 12.5 percent bonus paid to breeders of all maiden race winners at the Laurel Fall and Winter meets (Dec. 24, 2012 through Jan. 20, 2013).

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Beck—CONNOR THE CONCH: Jan. 19, 9th race, \$997.50. TYLER'S SMILE: Dec. 27, 1st race, \$997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,788)
Bonita Farm—TOOTH N CLAW: Dec. 31, 3rd race, \$1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,736)
Bonita Farm and Timothy N. Hopkins—CALCUTTA CAT: Jan. 4, 5th race, \$1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,736)
Mary B. Boskin—THE MAN'S HOSS: Jan. 4, 3rd race, \$1,781.25. (Total breeder bonuses—\$4,275)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and Oxley and Clay, et al—HONEST TRUTH: Jan. 4, 1st race, \$1,282.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$3,078)
Robin L. Graham and Mary E. Jones—SARBANES: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,394)
Michael J. Harrison DVM—FRENCH MISTRESS: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$1,140. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,736)
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Tara Farms, Inc.—DON'T SCIP A CHECK: Jan. 9, 3rd race, \$997.50. (Total breeder bonuses—\$2,394)

SPECIAL MAIDEN RACE BONUS PAYMENTS

MAIDEN CLAIMING PAYMENTS (Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 20, 2013): Patricia V. Haun Beck (\$2,000); Patricia V. Haun Beck (\$2,000); Mary B. Boskin (\$4,000); Michael J. Harrison (\$2,000); M.E. Jones and Robin Graham (\$2,000); J.W.Y. Martin Jr. (\$2,000); Gretchen B. Moberley (\$2,000); Charles J. Reed (\$2,000); Rickman Racing LLC (\$2,000); Tara Farms (\$2,000); Louis J. Ulman (\$3,000); Richard Vermillion (\$2,000).

Louis J. Ulman—HONEST TRUTH: Jan. 4, 1st race, \$1,795.50.

Richard Vermillion—TOOTH N CLAW: Dec. 31, 3rd race, \$1,596.

Stallion bonuses

BOWMAN'S BAND (Bowman's Boy: Jan. 19, 5th race, \$1,396.50): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Hanky Doodle: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$1,750. Lunar Rock: Jan. 19, 8th race, \$875): ZWP Stable—\$2,625.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Arctic Raven: Jan. 10, 3rd race, \$748.13): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

DEPUTY STORM (Stormy Adventure: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$525. Video Storm: Jan. 12, 2nd race, \$1,246.88): Deputy Storm Syndicate—\$1,772.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE (The Man's Hoss: Jan. 4, 3rd race, \$1,246.88): Domestic Dispute Syndicate.

FANTASTICAT (Cougar Hill: Dec. 27, 3rd race, \$698.25; Jan. 17, 2nd race, \$648.38. Echo Bye: Dec. 31, 9th race, \$798): Fantasticat Syndicate—\$2,144.63.

GATORS N BEARS (Devilish Gait: Dec. 29, 4th race, \$1,147.13. Tooth N Claw: Dec. 31, 3rd race, \$798): Gators N Bears Syndicate—\$1,945.13.

GREEK SUN (Sarbanes: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$698.25): Marathon Farm.

LION HEARTED (Connor the Conch: Jan. 19, 9th race, \$698.25. Mystical Terp: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$1,995): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,693.25.

LOUIS QUATORZE (French Mistress: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$798. No Means No: Dec. 31, 4th race, \$875. Regal Solo: Dec. 31, 7th race, \$2,144.63. Wild Louis: Dec. 28, 7th race, \$1,995): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$5,813.

MEDALLIST (Nastar Medallist: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$748.13): Medallist Syndicate.

MOJAVE MOON (Shordawatyadrink: Dec. 27, 6th race, \$1,446.38): Mojave Moon Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Eighttofastocatch: Dec. 31, 8th race, \$1,750. Love Talk: Dec. 31, 2nd race, \$847.88): Not For Love Syndicate—\$2,598.

POLISH MINER (Centripetal Motion: Jan. 5, 9th race, \$748.13. Tyler's Smile: Dec. 27, 1st race, \$698.25): Polish Miner Syndicate—\$1,446.38.

SCIPION (Don't Scip a Check: Jan. 9, 3rd race, \$698.25): Scipion Syndicate.

TWO PUNCH (Alpha Mike Foxtrot: Dec. 29, 7th race, \$5,250; Jan. 19, 8th race, \$1,750. Bold Affair: Jan. 12, 8th race, \$5,250): Two Punch Syndicate—\$12,250.

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Fairbanks colt, born mid-January, stretches his legs at Dark Hollow Farm. His dam, Silver Ashlee (by Red Bullet), is a half-sister to Not for Silver and Roman Chestnut.



Robert Watkins' Scipion filly out of Diamonds Specs was born on Jan. 27.



Mary Voss is the breeder of this colt by Cape Blanco (Ire) out of Rowdy.



Hillwood Stables' Dearie Be Good and her Silver Train filly enjoy a bit of freedom.

Flower Alley filly out of Honest Grit, delivered on Jan. 7, was bred by Wayne and Juanita Morris and foaled at their Winding Creek Farm in Quantico.



Country Life Farm and Get Lucky LLC's filly by Girolamo out of Prime Colors soaks up the sunshine.

Tapit colt bred by Sagamore Farm is out of Katherine's-kadence, from the family of Triple Crown winner Affirmed.



Filly from Friesan Fire's first crop, born Feb. 11 at Country Life Farm, rejoices with her stakes-winning dam Minnesota Mafia her first time outside.

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2013

(through February 15)

1. Barbecue Eddie \$170,000	11. Mystical Terp \$27,530
2. Bold Affair 75,000	12. Exchange Partners 27,000
Broad Rule 75,000	13. Change of Command . . . 26,100
Walkwithapurpose . . . 75,000	14. Alpha Mike Foxtrot . . . 25,000
5. Irish Exchange 52,480	Lunar Rock 25,000
6. Delaunay 45,000	Touch the Birds 25,000
7. Irish Lion 37,300	17. Bowman's Boy 24,360
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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services (TJCIS),
these statistics were compiled on February 15. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2013. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2013

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Orientate	71	120	11	11	\$286,599
Lion Hearted	44	76	12	14	270,582
Dance With Ravens . .	49	85	9	9	233,297
Two Punch	25	41	9	9	231,333
Not For Love	53	79	10	10	193,788
Outflanker	30	55	6	6	163,919
Louis Quatorze	35	63	8	10	148,265
Great Notion	17	30	4	4	123,270
Gators N Bears	23	38	5	5	111,878
Rock Slide	27	43	0	0	83,160
Scipion	20	30	3	3	77,300
Cherokee's Boy	11	22	1	1	63,590
Deputy Storm	6	11	2	2	41,532
Greek Sun	6	8	2	2	29,836
Seeking Daylight	8	11	1	1	25,060
Go for Gin	14	18	0	0	17,465
M Eighty	2	2	1	1	15,510

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	685	14,719	554	2,266	\$62,155,983
Two Punch	889	17,064	693	2,575	51,890,983
Orientate	487	7,657	374	1,206	30,905,579
Louis Quatorze	578	11,134	420	1,476	29,853,326
Waquoit	485	11,479	368	1,530	26,869,622
Outflanker	364	7,768	281	1,143	23,328,200
Lion Hearted	393	6,745	302	974	21,747,135
Go for Gin	309	5,705	208	704	18,065,234
Dance With Ravens . .	192	2,767	125	341	8,450,421
Rock Slide	157	2,177	99	237	6,294,604
Great Notion	89	1,171	67	210	5,632,558
Mojave Moon	152	2,947	105	330	5,538,792
Crowd Pleaser	101	1,717	73	226	5,132,838
Gators N Bears	95	955	52	136	3,293,908
Seeking Daylight	70	945	48	133	2,777,976
Purple Passion	43	844	28	78	1,469,026
Cherokee's Boy	34	347	19	42	1,378,995
Deputy Storm	31	323	26	58	1,228,153
Scipion	36	339	22	41	1,089,047
Americo's Bullet	17	481	15	58	1,057,887

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	310	981	119	161	\$5,825,244
Two Punch	439	1,434	167	211	5,572,040
Orientate	294	917	113	147	4,118,807
Louis Quatorze	276	865	87	115	3,192,925
Outflanker	205	847	91	129	3,033,305
Lion Hearted	181	596	71	99	2,619,354
Waquoit	206	705	60	85	2,003,139
Dance With Ravens . .	109	400	31	38	1,143,127
Go for Gin	159	519	33	40	978,164
Rock Slide	71	232	16	25	759,881
Great Notion	32	99	15	22	677,912
Scipion	26	122	15	21	618,652
Cherokee's Boy	16	72	8	13	570,176
Mojave Moon	83	318	25	27	568,838
Deputy Storm	19	93	12	19	553,382
Gators N Bears	44	153	17	20	463,869
Seeking Daylight	33	88	11	11	293,882
Sticks and Bricks	13	55	4	7	148,994
Crowd Pleaser	38	104	5	5	133,447