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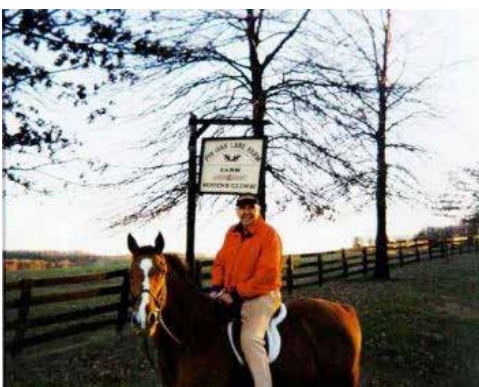
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**103 Beyer** – winning 7-furlong Saratoga allowance by 10 lengths  
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# State's stallion roster expands with exciting new prospects

With the start of breeding season not that far off, area farms are setting up their stallion rosters, adding exciting new prospects and intriguing matchups.

No fewer than five new stallions have been announced as standing their first Pennsylvania seasons in 2014. Three—Any Given Saturday, Corinthian and Flashy Bull—currently rank in the top-15 among the nation's leading third-crop sires. Bullsbay's oldest foals reach the races next year. And El Padrino will be standing his first season.

That's a lot of young sire power.

Pin Oak Lane lands Any Given Saturday and Corinthian. Both Grade 1-winning millionaires, the duo are eligible for discounted fees if breeders send two or more mares to Pin Oak Lane stallions. Any Given Saturday, the fifth-ranked third-crop sire in the country (with \$4 million-plus in earnings), has a fee of \$5,000 (dropping to \$3,500 or \$2,500 with incentives). Winner of the Haskell Invitational-G1 among his four stakes wins, Any Given Saturday excelled at distances over a mile—five of his six wins (from 11 starts) were a mile and a sixteenth or longer. His runners this year include 3-year-old Show Some Magic, who has already earned \$408,469 in his career.

Corinthian, one of the best milers in the world when he captured the Grade 1

Met Mile and inaugural Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, stands for \$4,000/\$3,000/\$2,000. He currently ranks seventh on the third-crop sires list and has six stakes horses this year, three of them juveniles.

Flashy Bull joins the Penn Ridge roster, standing for \$4,500 (or \$3,500 for Pennsylvania foals). Grade 1 winner of Churchill Downs' Stephen Foster, Flashy Bull ranks 13th on the leading third-crop list, and is represented by multiple \$100,000 stakes-winning filly Flashy American.

Bullsbay (\$3,000), the only Grade 1-winning son of Tiznow standing in the re-

gion, has moved from Northview Stallion Station in Maryland to Northview PA. His first-crop yearlings proved quite commercial in 2013, selling on average for nearly nine times his stud fee. The winner of the Whitney Handicap-G1 earned just shy of \$1 million during his career.

Northview PA's El Padrino is a graded stakes-winning half-brother to multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire Verrazano. A son of Pulpit, his second dam is Grade 1 winner Chic Shirine—the stellar family includes champion Queena and Grade 1 winner and sire Brahms. His fee is \$5,000.



## ANY GIVEN SATURDAY

Distorted Humor - Weekend in Indy, by A.P. Indy, Will Stand at Pin Oak Lane in New Freedom for \$5,000



## CORINTHIAN

Pulpit - Multiply, by Easy Goer, Will Stand at Pin Oak Lane in New Freedom for \$4,000



## EL PADRINO

Pulpit - Enchanted Rock, by Giant's Causeway, Will Stand at Northview PA in Peach Bottom for \$5,000



## BULLSBAY

Tiznow - The Hess Express, by Lord Carson, Will Stand at Northview PA in Peach Bottom for \$3,000



## FLASHY BULL

Holy Bull - Iridescence, by Mt. Livermore, Will Stand at Penn Ridge Farms in Harrisburg for \$4,500

# Pin Oak Lane Farm looks to the future after Rockport Harbor

Rockport Harbor died during the 40th anniversary of Pin Oak Lane Farm. The timing was devastating, but there's no good time to lose your best stallion in four decades of trying to prosper in the difficult business of breeding and raising horses.

Dr. William Solomon, the veterinarian who started Pin Oak Lane in New Freedom in 1973, finally had his big horse. He obtained Rockport Harbor in late 2012 from Darley at Jonabell Farm in Kentucky, and the gray son of Unbridled's Song quickly rose to the top of Pennsylvania stallions.

Then last summer Rockport Harbor contracted colitis, received treatment and responded well. But then he foundered. He was euthanized Aug. 2—the state's leading sire in progeny earnings. He was 11, in the prime of his life, and could have sired horses for perhaps 15 more years. Three months after his death, one of his daughters, Ria Antonia, won the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1. He is currently the leading 2-year-old sire in the nation.

"It was quite a blow to us," Solomon says. "But you move on."



He secured two more Kentucky stallions for the 2014 breeding season — Corinthian from Gainesway farm and Any Given Saturday from Darley. Any Given Saturday, a 9-year-old son of Distorted Humor who won the Grade 1 Haskell Invitational and earned nearly \$1.1 million, will stand for \$5,000. Corinthian, a 10-year-old son of Pulpit who won the Grade 1 Metropolitan Handicap and the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and earned \$1.27 million, will stand for \$4,000. Pin Oak Lane also stands Albert the Great, Lite the Fuse, More Smoke and Offlee Wild.

"These two horses will be headliners," Solomon says of his newest acquisitions. "You can't have two better sires than the sires of these horses. And both were exceptional racehorses. Plus, they've got great numbers behind them. That's one of the things you think about when you bring a horse here—how many 2-year-olds, how many yearlings, how many foals—because that's really what's going to make your horse. It's very difficult to make a horse here. You've got to have numbers that came from good, quality mares. And both these horses got that in Kentucky."

Solomon is especially high on Any Given Saturday, whom he hopes will be his next big horse.

"Rockport Harbor was the best stallion we've had," Solomon says. "And he became increasingly successful after we got him. When we acquired him he was a good horse. But he became a great horse over the period of time we stood him. I think Any Given Saturday is going to do the same thing." ★



## Calendar of Events

### PA-Bred STAKES

**Nov 27** \$75,000 Penn National - Blue Mountain Juvenile S, 2YO fillies, 6 Fur.

**T.B.A.** \$75,000 Parx - PA Nursery S, 2YO, 7 Fur.

### SALES

**Dec 9** Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed

**Jan 6-9** Keeneland January Horses of All Ages

**Feb 10** Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed

### \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

Due to the recent Equine Herpes Type 1 (EHV-1) outbreak at Parx, the PA Nursery S. has been postponed to later, to-be-determined date.

# Penn Ridge Farm offers value with young sire Flashy Bull

Nobody's going to tell you—not if they're honest anyway—that breeding and racing horses are easy ways of making money. But Tom Reigle, stallion manager at Penn Ridge Farms near Harrisburg, thinks he knows a way of increasing your chances. Breed your mare to Flashy Bull.

After standing six seasons at Airdrie Stud in Kentucky, Flashy Bull, a 10-year-old Grade 1-winning son of Horse of the Year Holy Bull, has moved to Penn Ridge, where, Reigle says, he offers the one attribute every mare owner seeks: Value. Flashy Bull stood in Kentucky for \$10,000. He'll stand at Penn Ridge for \$4,500—or, if your foal is going to be born in Pennsylvania, for \$3,500.

"With that stud fee, you can run your horses here in Pennsylvania and make money," Reigle says. "That's basically what we thought—bring a real nice stud here with some value and stand him at a value price for everybody to breed to.

"If you pay a \$10,000 or \$15,000 stud fee, you're in the hole \$30,000 or \$40,000 before you get the horse to the track. With Flashy Bull, if you do it the correct way, you can get everything done for \$20,000 or \$25,000, and then, because your horse is a Pennsylvania-bred, two races and you're out."

Coupled with value, Reigle says, is opportunity. He says that as more and more nearby states join Pennsylvania by subsidizing their racing with slot machines, purses and incentives in those states will grow, prompting owners in those states to keep their horses home. That will lead to Pennsylvania tracks' writing more races for Pennsylvania-breds and more opportunity for owners of Pennsylvania-breds to make money.

"That's another reason I think these nice studs are coming to Pennsylvania," Reigle says. "You're not going to have all these ship-ins coming in and taking the money out of here."



Michael W. Jester, who owns Penn Ridge, has gradually built his stallion stable, starting with Real Quiet in 2008. Real Quiet won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and lost the Belmont—and Triple Crown—by a nose. He became a leading sire in Pennsylvania.

"I figure this horse will fit in just as well as Real Quiet did," Reigle says. "Flashy Bull had a real nice record on the track, and so far his offspring have done very well. He's throwing runners. And in Pennsylvania, that's what you need. You need a stud that can throw runners bred to the mares that are in this area. I think he fits the bill." ★

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# Californian Hank Nothhaft: success with PA-bred weanling filly at Keeneland sale

Entrepreneur Hank Nothhaft has made a career of taking start-up companies and growing them. The business excites him, and the Pennsylvania native who now lives in California has turned his attention to another passion, the horse breeding industry.

A longtime racing fan, Nothhaft has used business plans and analyses, and a collaboration with Carl McEntee of Northview, to return to Pennsylvania. His broodmare band is growing. . . his first Pennsylvania-breds will be 2-year-olds in 2014. . . and he was the breeder and seller of the top-priced Pennsylvania-bred weanling at this year's Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale.

Nothhaft's Harlan's Holiday filly, bred in the name of HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, sold for \$250,000 to Big Steps Training. She is the first foal out of the Maria's Mon mare Sulis, whom Nothhaft

and McEntee selected from the previous year's Keeneland November sale, with Nothhaft paying \$105,000. One business goal is to sell weanlings to cover the purchase price of the mare—goal accomplished.



The Harlan's Holiday filly is only the second weanling Nothhaft has offered for sale, but the breeder has made an enormous financial commitment to the Pennsylvania breeding industry. He cur-

rently has 13 broodmares, all boarded at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, and is shopping for or planning on leasing more.

He plunged into the breeding business with both feet when he bought Silver Train to stand in the state in 2012. The first Pennsylvania-sired foals by the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner are now weanlings. Nothhaft has supported the stallion with his own mares and has five offspring from the first Pennsylvania-sired crop. And he plans to breed as many as 10 mares to the stallion in 2014.

But Nothhaft notes that political activity in the state over the past year, which raised concerns for the breeding industry, may cause him to reconsider his business plan. "Breeding numbers dropped with the negative uncertainty," he said, but added: "I'm going to continue to expand as long as Pennsylvania remains stable." ★



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# WISE DAN: Smart Winner of Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 - Again!

Fan favorite Wise Dan powers home to win his second consecutive Breeders' Cup Mile-G1, his sixth win of the year from seven starts. He is now a frontrunner to take home another Horse of the Year title, as well as additional Eclipse Awards to go along with last year's champion older horse and turf horse trophies. Morton Fink's homebred has career earnings of \$6,293,610 from 27 starts.

Wise Dan is one of two stakes-winning champions competing this year for Dana Point Farm stallion Wiseman's Ferry. Riding the River, last year's Canadian champion grass horse, captured the King Edward Stakes-G2 earlier in the year at Woodbine.



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# Notable PA-Bred Stakes Horses

## **EMOTIONAL KITTEN** →

f, 3, Kitten's Joy - Silent Emotion  
Won - MRS. REVERE S-G2, \$205,100, 1 1/16 mi.,  
turf, 3YO F, Churchill Downs, Nov. 16.



## **RES JUDICATA** →

g, 3, Smarty Jones - Mohonour  
Won - City of Laurel S., \$100,000, 7 fur., 3YO,  
Laurel Park, Nov. 9.



## **ZEEWAT** →

c, 3, Harlan's Holiday - Delizia  
Won - DAMASCUS S., \$100,000, 7 fur., 3YO,  
Santa Anita, Nov. 2.

## **ROADHOG** →

g, 6, Bowman's Band - Little Wing  
2nd - JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION S., \$100,000,  
1 1/16 mi., turf, 3YO/UP, Laurel Park, Nov. 9.

## **LOVE CONTRACT** →

f, 4, Consolidator - Option Contract  
3rd - CHIP S., \$100,000, 6 fur., 3YO/UP, F/M,  
Aqueduct, Nov. 6.

## **FEAR THE FACELIFT** →

f, 4, Fear the Cape - Twochindordor  
3rd - MY SISTER PEARL S., \$51,100, 1 1/8 mi.,  
3YO/UP, F/M, Charles Town, Nov. 9.



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