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"After I got Blitzen, I found out that you can have 18 letters in a name," she says. "And 18 is my lucky number. So I decided that all of them would have 18 letters [or close to it], because I didn't want to hear, 'Here comes You running down the stretch.' You spend so much money and time, I wanted to hear the horse's name."

Extrasexyhippzster became her biggest winner when he won the \$100,000 Don Rickles Stakes last month at Aqueduct. Extrasexyhippzster's mother is Extra Sexy Psychic. Kirwan bred and named Extra Sexy Psychic after her sire, Freud. Get it? Extra Sexy Psychic. ESP.

Kirwan also raced Extra Sexy Psychic, and she won 7 of 15 races, including the \$71,250



Cozy Lace Stakes in 2008 at Presque Isle Downs.

The names Kirwan cherishes most were inspired by Blitzen's Echo. She was the second foal of the first horse Kirwan ever bred, P. J.'s Blitzen. Kirwan had claimed P. J.'s Blitzen, raced her until she got hurt and then bred her. Kirwan named her first foal Sun of a Blitzen and second foal Blitzen's Echo.

Kirwan's partner at the time (not either of her current partners) wanted to sell Blitzen's Echo, so they did. But after her racing career—51 starts, 5 wins, 1 second, 9 thirds—Kirwan says she bought her back for \$1,000.

"Then we had all our Blitzens from her," she says.

Blitzen's Echo, whose sire was Compelling Sound, was incredibly successful. Her first three foals combined to earn \$687,514.

Blitzensfoxyvixsin was the first—born 2004, sire Partner's Hero: 53 starts, 8 wins, 10 seconds, 9 thirds, \$344,958 earnings.

Blitzenskissinqpid was the second—born 2005, sire Yankee Victor: 51 starts, 9 wins, 9 seconds, 12 thirds, \$222,996.

Blitzensdiscogetem was the third—born 2006, sire Disco Rico: 29 starts, 3 wins, 4 seconds, 3 thirds, \$119,560.

Blitzen's Echo's next three foals didn't fare as well—Blitzenshoneypare, by Gators N Bears; Blitzenskekldpink, by Tekken (Ire), and Blitzensbuzziserr, by Buzzards Bay.

Blitzen's Echo died in 2012 after giving birth to her seventh foal. She was 14. She died of internal bleeding, Kirwan says, five days after delivering a colt by Street Magician.

Kirwan was heartbroken. She thought long and hard about a name for the foal, now 2. Kirwan wanted something special to honor Blitzen's Echo. Finally she came up with this: Blitzensmajicreign. ★



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# Favorite Tale a hot ticket for new breeder Conaway



As the owner of the Wanamaker Entertainment Group in Philadelphia, Paul Conaway is accustomed to sending customers to numerous professional and college sporting events and concerts in the city and occasionally to other major venues along the East Coast. On the afternoon of Jan. 4, however, when his homebred Favorite Tale won his career debut at Parx against open maiden special weight company, the Tale of the Cat colt may have punched his own ticket into stakes company.

Favorite Tale not only won at first asking, he did so by covering six furlongs in a sharp 1:07.66 as the solid 6-5 favorite against open maiden special weight rivals. He represents the first horse that Conaway has ever bred, but not his first venture into horse racing. A decade earlier he had nearly a dozen horses in training, but did not enjoy the experience and got out of the game for a while, but not forever.

When Conaway rekindled his fondness for the Sport of Kings, he opted to get back

into the business on a more personal level — as a breeder. He has one mare, Tricky Elaine, a daughter of Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone and a half-sister to Horse of the Year Favorite Trick. Conaway's stable continues to grow — while Tricky Elaine missed to the cover of Discreet Cat for 2012, she produced a Corinthian colt last year and is currently in foal to Tale of the Cat.

Favorite Tale had been working well at Parx for trainer Guadalupe Preciado and to say he was sharp in his debut is an understatement.

"I was very happy with the time and with the Beyer speed figure (89) that he got for winning that race the other day," said Conaway, whose horses race under the name Conaway and Sons Racing LLC. "Guadalupe was really high on him. He ran very well the other day and he came out of the race fine. He will probably make his next start early next month, either in an allowance race or in the (rescheduled) Pennsylvania Futurity. The competition probably won't be

much different in those races, but it will be tougher than what he faced the other day."

Favorite Tale broke well under Jose Flores and sat just off longshot leader On-the-whistle down the backside and around the far turn through fractions of :21.74, :43.95 and :55.53. He gained command in the final furlong and drove home to win by two lengths. Several races later on the card, another Preciado trainee, Norastone, won an allowance event for 3-year-old fillies in 1:09.93 at the same distance.

"It was really good to see him win, especially his first start and my first homebred," Conaway said. "He looks like he is going to do pretty well this year. We're not really in a big hurry with him. He looks like he could run through his conditions, so we could always try him in a stakes after that. But he also might be ready for a stakes race a lot sooner." ★



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i/f JUMP START (5/24)
- 174 FLIRTING GLANCES** (2005, Maria's Mon – Mingling Glances)  
i/f TALE OF THE CAT (5/3)  
Young daughter of multiple SW/G3-placed winner of \$410,358,  
MINGLING GLANCES
- 219 HIDDEN EXPRESSION** (2007, Yonaguska – The Hess Express)  
Not Mated  
Stakes-winning half-sister to G1 SW BULLSBAY. 1st foal was  
\$350,000 Malibu Moon f. at 2013 KEESEP
- 294 LOVES TO GLANCE** (2006, Not For Love – Mingling Glances)  
Aborted  
Young daughter of MINGLING GLANCES (\$410,358)
- 416 SILENT ACADEMY** (1999, Royal Academy – Silent Turn)  
i/f AFLEET ALEX (5/2)  
Dam of SWEET AUGUST MOON (\$492,396, A Gleam H.-G2, etc.)

### BROODMARE PROSPECT

- 123 DANCE WITH PASSION**  
(gr/ro., 2009, Dance With Ravens – Passionate Punch)

### RACING OR BROODMARE PROSPECTS

- 12 ACADEMIC BREAK**  
(bay filly, 4/5/11, BROKEN VOW – Silent Academy)  
Unraced half-sister to SWEET AUGUST MOON (G2, \$492,396)
- 196 GET ME OUT OF HERE**  
(dark bay, 2009, DOMESTIC DISPUTE – Smart 'n Assertive)

### YEARLINGS

- 175** Gr/ro. colt, 4/6, **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** – Flirting Glances
- 188** Bay colt, 3/13, **FAIRBANKS** – Friendly Thunder
- 220** Bay filly, 2/16, **HARD SPUN** – Hidden Expression
- 295** Bay filly, 3/1, **YES IT'S TRUE** – Loves to Glance (surgery)
- 344** Gr/ro. filly, 2/4, **SILVER TRAIN** – Passionate Punch



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# Stud news in the Keystone State: Triple Crown hopefuls and new arrivals

## JUST CALL KENNY LATEST TRIPLE CROWN HOPEFUL BY JUMP START

The stakes debut of Jump Start's 3-year-old son Just Call Kenny was spectacular—quite fitting since it came in the \$100,000 Spectacular Bid Stakes. Run on Jan. 4 at Gulfstream Park, the race drew a solid field of budding sophomores.

Overlooked was ABL Stable, Bossone, Cahill, Donnelly and Phantom House Farm's Just Call Kenny, who entered the race with a maiden win at Monmouth and a second in allowance company at Laurel. The Patrick B. McBurney trainee, sent off at nearly 20-1, was ridden by Joe Bravo, who jumped off after the colt's two and a quarter-length score to say "This horse has really had a lot of talent all along."

By completing six furlongs in 1:10.58, Just Call Kenny earned a 96 Beyer Speed Figure, the highest of any 3-year-old this year. Bred in Virginia by Althea Richards, he is the second stakes winner from Jump Start's first Pennsylvania-sired crop, which also counts graded stakes-winning juvenile Miss Behaviour. In past years, Jump Start has been represented on the Triple Crown trail by Icabad Crane (third in the 2008



Preakness Stakes-G1) and Pants On Fire. Jump Start stands at Northview PA in Peach Bottom.

## FIRST-YEAR PENNSYLVANIA SIRES

Seven Pennsylvania stallions stood their first seasons in 2013 and have first foals arriving this year (per reports to the Jockey Club). Foal watch is on for the following: Mad Flatter (Diamond B Farm; 35 mares bred), Messner (Penn Ridge Farm, 35), Uptowncharlybrown (Penn Ridge Farm, 13), Banachek (Xanthus Farms, 12), Just a Touch (Maui Meadow Farm, 8), Gray (7) and Samba Rooster (Blue Rose Farm, 5).

## ROCKPORT HARBOR NATION'S LEADING 2-YEAR-OLD SIRE OF 2013

With 18 juvenile winners from 47 runners, four stakes winners and the earners of \$2,520,548, the late Rockport Harbor was far and away the leading sire of 2-year-olds in 2013. His foals of 2011 were led by Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 winner and Eclipse Award finalist Ria Antonia. Rockport Harbor bred 54 mares in his final season last year at Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, Pa. ★

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# Loss of Silver Train leaves void in state's stallion ranks

Silver Train was the right horse at the right time for HnR Horseracing's managing partner Hank Nothhaft. "Carl (McEntee) and I had conceived a 'grand plan' to go out and seek a sire of certain characteristics—age, standing and so on," recalled Nothhaft. And he found that with Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Silver Train, who moved to Northview PA in Peach Bottom in time for the 2012 breeding season and proved a popular addition to the stallion roster the past two years.

Flashy, sporty, fast and a proven sire of winners, Silver Train was "moving up the stallion ranks and was really one big horse away from being a top 50 sire on the national scale," said Nothhaft. Silver Train was in quarantine in Brazil, awaiting his return to Pennsylvania after standing his second Southern Hemisphere breeding season, when news came over the last weekend of December that colic claimed the life of the 11-year-old stallion. His connections were shocked, saddened and in a state of disbelief.

"We're all still in a state of shock," Nothhaft said in a statement a few days later. "We were expecting big things from Silver Train in the years to come."

Nothhaft, originally from Pennsylvania but now a resident of California, is committed to having a Pennsylvania-based breeding operation, and had expected Silver Train to have a bigger role in 2014. Nothhaft was going to send at least 10 mares to the young stallion, who had been extremely popular with breeders since moving to the Keystone State.

"He could sire a horse who is very sound," noted Nothhaft. "As his crops are maturing, his starts per starter are really

getting to be impressive and going up. He was producing sound horses, who could win, and a lot of repeat winners.

"We wanted a horse who would throw sprinters to milers, and if they could extend a little beyond that, that would be great as well," he added. "And dirt orientation, since that's what's going on in the Mid-Atlantic region where we were standing the stud."

Silver Train was Nothhaft's first stallion, but the breeder has interests in others at Northview PA. He owns a 25 percent interest in new stallion El Padrino as well as multiple seasons in Smarty Jones and Jump Start.

"Because I was supporting Silver Train to the extent I was, I was underutilizing what I already owned in other sires," said Nothhaft. "I have a lot of seasons I wasn't going to use because I was going to support Silver Train this year."

All of Nothhaft's mares but one are at Northview PA, and will now be bred to the other three stallions. "From a pure business point of view, with the sire awards, it's way down the road before (the loss of Silver Train) is going to impact me financially," said Nothhaft. "But the loss of him... I feel I'm a steward of all the horses I own and be as ethical a horse owner as I can

possibly be. To have this happen on my watch as a steward of this horse, even though he was getting all the care I could provide, it still kind of grates on me."

Silver Train was consistently one of the best sires of his generation since his runners first appeared in 2010. He has sired 14 stakes winners to date, six of them graded/group winners, and two champions. And each of the past three years, his progeny earnings exceeded \$3 million. Nothhaft has xx current yearlings by the stallion, and is expecting xx foals this year. Silver Train covered 41 mares in his Pennsylvania season in 2013.

Nothhaft, who has made his career growing startup businesses and directing companies, knows what to do next. "It's full speed ahead from a business point of view. I have really high hopes for El Padrino, and I wasn't really utilizing my seasons in Smarty Jones and Jump Start to the extent that I should or could.

"I'm fully committed to moving on and you have to just move on." ★







# Calendar of Events

## STALLION OPEN HOUSES

**Jan 25** Northview PA, Peach Bottom

## PHBA EVENTS

**Jan 24-26** Fourth Annual On-Line Stallion Auction to benefit the PAC and New Vocations

**May 21** PHBA Annual Meeting, Kennett Square Country Club, Kennett Square

## SALES

**Feb 9-10** Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed

**March 24** Fasig-Tipton Florida Two-Year-Old Sale

**March 10-11** Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training

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# Notable PA-Bred Stakes Horses



## **GRACER** ➔

f, 3, Exchange Rate - Tina's Goal  
Won - MARSHUA S., \$100,000, 6 fur., 3YO F,  
Laurel Park, Jan. 4.



## **GOLDEN PRODUCTION** ➔

m, 5, Exchange Rate - Dyna Two  
Won - PASEANA S., \$75,000, 1 1/16 mi., 4YO/UP,  
F&M, Santa Anita, Jan. 12.

## **EXTRASEXYHIPZSTER** ➔

c, 2, Stroll - Extra Sexy Psychic  
Won - DON RICKLES S., \$100,000, 6 fur., 2YO,  
Aqueduct, Dec. 21.

## **UNCLE DAVE** ➔

g, 3, Langfuhr - Party Queen  
Won - LUKE KRUYTBOSCH S., \$35,000, 1 1/16  
mi., 3YO, Turf Paradise, Dec. 31.

## **ZEEWAT** ➔

c, 3, Harlan's Holiday - Delizia  
3rd - MALIBU S-G1, \$300,000, 3YO, 7 fur., Santa  
Anita, Dec. 26.

## **HOLLYWOOD TALENT** ➔

c, 3, Talent Search - Intrinsic Value  
3rd - SPECTACULAR BID S., \$100,000, 3YO, 6 fur.,  
Gulfstream Park, Jan. 4.

## **STARRY MOON** ➔

c, 3, Malibu Moon - Hartigan  
3rd - FRANK WHITELEY JR S., \$100,000, 3YO, 8  
fur., Laurel Park, Jan. 4.

## **MOON PHILLY** ➔

m, 5, Malibu Moon--Astor Place  
3rd - WINTERGREEN S., \$50,000, 4YO/UP, F&M, 1  
mi., Turfway Park, Jan. 4.



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