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## Maryland-breds find blue skies at Eastern Fall Yearling sale

A Maryland-bred son of Malibu Moon, consigned by breeder Frank P. Wright with Bill Reightler as agent, was the most expensive colt—and the second highest-priced offering overall—when bringing \$200,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, held October 1 to 3 at the sales pavilion in Timonium.

Named Blue Malibu, the colt is out of Wright's outstanding producer Blue Sky Princess (by Conquistador Cielo), who is believed to be the only mare ever to produce the top-selling Maryland-bred at the Eastern Fall sale two years in a row. In 2006, her yearling daughter Crimson Hope (by Forestry) sold for \$200,000 to tie for the second-highest price in the sale.

Charles N. (Nick) Bassford, a longtime owner/breeder from Davidsonville, Md., purchased Blue Malibu with the intention of racing him in Maryland. The colt's value was enhanced two days after the sale when his 3-year-old half-sister, Tessa Blue (by Awesome Again), captured the Grade 3 \$400,000 Indiana Oaks at Hoosier Park. Tessa Blue campaigns for Bruce Lunsford, who purchased her from Wright for \$215,000 at

the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling sale.

Blue Sky Princess, now 15, was also bred by the Wrights, who campaigned her to win or place in seven stakes, including two graded placings, and earn \$253,015.

The Wrights privately purchased Blue Sky Princess's dam, the unraced Nijinsky II mare Richly Rewarded, as a broodmare prospect. Blue Sky Princess, who comes from a strong black-type female family, has also produced stakes winner Inner Harbour (by Capote), who earned \$350,936 while racing as a homebred for the Wrights.

Blue Sky Princess has a Saint Liam weanling colt whom the Wrights intend to keep and race, and is in foal for 2008 to First Samurai.

A total of 145 Maryland-breds were sold at this year's Eastern Fall sale, grossing \$3,084,300 (average \$21,271).

Five Maryland-breds brought \$100,000 or more.

The top-priced Maryland-sired Maryland-bred was a \$105,000 Not For Love colt out of multiple stakes producer Chemise (by Secret Hello), bred by Linda D. Newton and consigned by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow

agent. Kathleen Willier was the purchaser.

Not For Love, standing at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., ranked as the sale's overall leading sire by gross, with 24 offspring selling for \$1,158,000 (average \$48,250).

Yearlings from the first crop of Northview stallion Domestic Dispute averaged \$23,262, with 13 selling for a total of \$302,400.

Other Maryland-breds sold for \$100,000 are listed with names of breeder, consignor and purchaser.

\$150,000. Dk.b./br.c. Medaglia d'Oro—Potomac Bend, by Polish Numbers. Bowman and Higgins Stable, Thomas Sutton and Anthony W. Dutrow; Becky Davis Inc., agent; Terra Reverse, T. McGreevy, agent.

\$120,000. B.f. Vindication—Five Star Night, by Star de Naskra. CandyLand Farm; CandyLand; Classic Bloodstock, agent.

\$110,000. B.f. Smarty Jones—Mescalina, by Smarten. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton, Milton P. Higgins III and Patricia Chapman; Becky Davis Inc., agent; Milton P. Higgins III.

## Maryland stallions maintain popularity

**M**aryland stallions ranked third in North America by average number of mares bred in 2007, based on figures released on October 18 by The Jockey Club. The figures were based on reports of mares bred, which were estimated to be about 90 percent complete.

According to the report, 47 stallions covered 1,384 mares in Maryland during this year's breeding season. The average of 29.5 mares per stallion was topped only by Kentucky (with an average of 65.2) and Florida (30.2).

Three Maryland stallions were among the elite group of horses who covered 100 or more mares: Domestic Dispute (127), Dance With Ravens (124) and Rock Slide (101).

Domestic Dispute (whose first crop are yearlings) and Dance With Ravens (whose first foals hit the ground this year) stand at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City. Rock Slide stands at Maryland Stallion Station in Glyndon; his first foals are current 2-year-olds.

Statistics for all reported stallions in 2007 are available through the Publications & Resources section of The Jockey Club's Web site at [www.jockeyclub.com](http://www.jockeyclub.com).

Maryland ranks eighth among states and provinces by number of mares reported bred.

## Maryland-bred brings \$410,000 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale

**S**omethinaboutbetty, a Maryland-bred daughter of Forestry, sold for \$410,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected November sale held November 4 in Lexington, Ky.

The multiple stakes-winning 4-year-old filly, catalogued as a racing or broodmare prospect, was consigned by Vinery Ltd., agent and purchased by James B. Keogh, agent.

Somethinaboutbetty (out of Here Comes Betty, by Cox's Ridge) was bred by Glade Valley Farms Inc., and has campaigned for Rick Pitino's Runnin Cardinal Stable and C.E. Glasscock, winning or placing in 13 stakes and earning \$342,792. She comes from a female family that had outstanding success for the late legendary Maryland breeder Allaire duPont.



## MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS

### Casanova Jack



#### Oliver's Twist Stakes

\$45,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

Dk.b./br.c., 2005, by Not For Love—Sadler's Sarah, by Wayne County (Ire). Bred by Sylvia Greenberg and Harold Greenberg; owned by Harold Greenberg; trained by Carlos A. Garcia. Foaled at Wellington Park, Woodbine, Md.

starts	Lifetime			earnings
	1st	2nd	3rd	
5	2 (1)	0	0	\$48,495

(through Oct. 13)

**2007:** 1st \$45,000 Oliver's Twist S, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Sept. 29.

**H**arold Greenberg, at age 90, is winding down his long

career as a Maryland breeder/owner. He also recently sold the Indian Springs Country Club in Silver Spring, Md.—the facility that had been his main business for the last 60 years.

But Greenberg, a Washington, D.C., resident who has owned horses for 30 years, with Carlos Garcia as his trainer since 1984, may have come up with his best runner yet in Casanova Jack.

A homebred son of leading Maryland sire Not For Love, Casanova Jack captured the Oliver's Twist Stakes for



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Maryland-bred 2-year-olds on September 29.

The Oliver's Twist, his fourth trip to the post (and second win, following a grassy maiden score at Co-

lonial Downs), not only affirmed Casanova Jack's talent, but also his affinity for the turf. The second choice in a field of six, he set every fraction en route to a length and

three-quarters victory in the six-furlong event, stopping the timer in 1:08.76 over a firm course. Ovechkin rallied late to nab the runner-up spot over Jo's Mojo. Next, in order of finish, were Seeyouinthecity, Tide Dancer (the odds-on favorite) and Disco Dude.

Garcia's faith in Casanova Jack was not swayed by the colt's subsequent sixth-place finish in the Maryland Million Nursery (at seven furlongs on the main track), on October 13 at Laurel. The chart noted that Casanova Jack "was checked in tight quarters between horses inside the three-eighths pole." Garcia believes his charge was effectively taken out of the race at that point—though the claim of foul by Casanova Jack's rider, Horacio Karamanos, was disallowed.

"He can run on dirt and turf," said Garcia, who had penciled in both the Laurel Futurity (on turf) and Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes for the colt's fall schedule.

Casanova Jack is the first foal from his dam, Greenberg's homebred Sadler's Sarah, whom Garcia saddled to win the Pearl Necklace Stakes and finish second in the Grade 3 Lake George Stakes.

Sadler's Sarah, a foal of 1998 from the first crop of her sire Wayne County (Ire), who stands at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md., is out of the Polish Numbers mare Lucky Lady Sarah, whom Greenberg purchased for \$57,000 at the 1995 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale. Lucky Lady Sarah, a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Truth and Nobility, showed promise in her early training, according to Garcia, but fractured her knee and never raced.

Garcia and his wife, Carol Kaye-Garcia, purchased both Lucky Lady Sarah and Sadler's Sarah from Greenberg. The Garcias intended to sell Lucky Lady Sarah, in foal to Purge, at this year's Keeneland and November sale.

Sadler's Sarah remains a member of the broodmare band at the Garcias' Wellington Park farm in Woodbine,



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Md. She has a yearling filly by Not For Love, a weanling filly by St Averil, and is in foal to Oratory.

## Hartigan



### Gin Talking Stakes

\$45,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

Ch.f., 2005, by Include—Star Number, by Polish Numbers. Bred and owned by Fitzhugh LLC; trained by Richard W. Small. Foaled at Fitzhugh Farm, Phoenix, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
3	2 (1)	1	0	\$57,300 (through Sept. 29)

**2007:** 1st \$45,000 Gin Talking S, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Sept. 29.

**R**obert E. Meyerhoff added to his unsurpassed list of homebred Maryland-bred stakes winners when Hartigan defeated 2-year-old state-bred filly rivals in the Gin Talking Stakes on September 29.

Hartigan—whose sire and maternal granddam were both Maryland-bred champions bred and raced by Meyerhoff—was making her third start when she stepped out on Laurel's renowned turf course for the six-furlong Gin Talking. She had scored by a neck while making her debut in a maiden special weight on August 26 at Delaware Park, and returned to finish second (beaten a length) in allowance

company on September 12 at Laurel.

Based on those efforts, she was installed as odds-on favorite for her first stakes and first turf try. With minimal prompting from jockey Luis Garcia, Hartigan made her bid for the lead at the eighth pole, pressed Kosmo's Buddy approaching the wire and prevailed by a neck. Kosmo's Buddy crossed the wire four and a quarter lengths in front of third and fourth-place finishers My Dance Partner and Expect No Love, who were separated by only a nose. Completing the field were My Little Josie and Dixie Got Even. Final time was 1:08.94.

The victory boosted Hartigan's earnings to \$57,300.

Commented winning trainer Richard W. Small: "It's hard to tell [if she would take to the turf]. You pretty much have to try it. Some horses move way up and some don't like the turf at all. She did very well here. I was a little surprised [she was close early]. She's had a couple of starts and they sort of catch on a little bit."

Hartigan's sire, Include (a son of Meyerhoff's Grade 1 winner and leading sire Broad Brush), was a Grade 1-winning millionaire who took honors as Maryland-bred Horse of the Year in 2001.

On the dam's side Hartigan descends from the stellar

bloodline of Dynamic Star (Silent Screen—Cynderdyne, by What Luck), whom Meyerhoff bought for \$200,000 at the 1988 Keeneland November sale.

Dynamic Star was carrying her first foal, a Deputy Minister filly, when she joined the broodmare band at Meyerhoff's Fitzhugh Farm in Phoenix, Md. That filly, Star Minister, carried Meyerhoff's colors to victory in seven stakes, including the Grade 2 Cotillion Handicap, and earned \$458,650. A stakes winner each year she raced, at 2, 3 and 4, Star Minister was a Maryland-bred divisional champion in each of her first two seasons of competition (1991 and '92).

Dynamic Star, honored as Maryland's broodmare of the year in 1999, went on to produce four more stakes performers for Meyerhoff, led by stakes winners Stellar Brush (1996, Broad Brush; \$626,830, Ohio Derby-G2, etc.) and Dynamic Deputy (2002, Deputy Minister; \$344,020, Shine Again S, 2nd Delaware H-G2, etc.).

Meanwhile, Star Minister became a stakes producer as the dam of Concerned Minister (1997, Concern; \$266,060, Tenacious H, etc.)

Hartigan is the first foal from Star Minister's unraced daughter Star Number (2000, Polish Numbers).

# Bowman, Kelly honored for contributions

**F**ormer Maryland Horse Breeders Association president Tom Bowman and Maryland Million publicity director Joe Kelly were among the honorees at the Maryland Racing Media Association's annual awards ceremony and crab feast held October 5 at Laurel Park.

Bowman, who has numerous roles within the industry—as a veterinarian renowned for work in equine reproduction, co-founding owner and general manager of Northview Stallion Station, and proprietor, along with his wife, Chris, of one of Maryland's leading breeding operations—received the Humphrey S. Finney Award for lifetime contributions to Maryland racing.

Kelly, honored as an unsung hero, has handled pub-

licity for the Maryland Million since the program's inception in 1986. Before that he had a long career as a racing writer for the Washington *Star* and Baltimore *Sun*. Kelly was instrumental in establishing MRMA's highly popular crab feast.

MRMA also presented achievement awards to trainer Graham Motion and jockey Mario Pino.

Motion's many successes over the past decade include sending out two runners-up on 2006 Breeders' Cup day—2004 Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner Better Talk Now (Turf-G1) and Film Maker (Filly & Mare Turf-G1).

Pino, a Laurel, Md., resident, was honored as he approached his 6,000th career win.



Joe Kelly receives unsung hero award from Maryland Racing Media Association president David Richardson (left) and Vinnie Perrone.



David Richardson (left) and Vinnie Perrone presented Tom Bowman with the Finney Award honoring his contributions to Maryland racing.

## Maryland Thoroughbred Scholarship Fund awards \$33,000 to 17 individuals



Jane Merryman won the Eddie McMullen Memorial Scholarship.

**T**he Maryland Thoroughbred Scholarship Fund presented a total of \$33,000 to 17 individuals employed in the state's Thoroughbred industry while attending college or graduate school this fall.

Jane Merryman, a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and daughter of breeder/owners Edwin and Sarah Merryman, received the top award, the Eddie McMullen Memorial Scholarship, this year worth \$4,500.

Other scholarship recipients were Andrea Latimer,

Sonja Aleksic, Stephanie Wolf, Alexandra Curtiss, Lorie Bennett, Hillary Keeton, Cash McHargue, Margaret Wolfendale, Meredith Cutaia, Kristy Wilson, Christina Hash, Kawana Swank, Kelsey Wallace, Barbara Abell, James Davis and John Gasparini.

Donations to the scholarship fund came from the Maryland Racing Media Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund, Milton P. Higgins III, Sondra and Howard Bender/Glade Valley Farms,

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## *Blind named Laurel/ Pimlico stakes coordinator*

Coleman Blind has taken over as stakes coordinator at Laurel Park and Pimlico, succeeding Wendy Pensivy, who resigned in order to spend time with her infant son, Denver.

Blind, a veteran of the Pimlico and Laurel Park racing office for more than 30 years, has been the interim stakes coordinator since the August mini-meet.

The Blind family has a long history in Maryland racing.

Eddie Blind, Coleman's father, was the starter for 35 years. Coleman Blind's cousin, Eric, replaced Eddie and was the starter for the next 18 years.

"Things have gone nicely and the transition has been smooth," Blind said. "I have been receiving tremendous support from the horsemen, who have been helpful, including [owners and trainers] from out-of-state who have helped fill the state-bred stakes races." 

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## Maryland's top 20 earners in 2007

(through November 16)

1. Moon Catcher . . . \$663,450	11. Steve's Double . . . \$202,346
2. Heros Reward . . . 515,826	12. Maddy's Heart . . . 191,374
3. Tessa Blue . . . . . 436,748	13. Rollicking Caller . . 186,032
4. Silmaril . . . . . 405,820	14. Ah Day . . . . . 177,994
5. Parole Board . . . . . 329,183	15. Evil Storm . . . . . 176,930
6. Smart and Fancy . . 297,513	16. Raise the Bluff . . . 169,190
7. Ready's Image . . . 259,422	17. Promenade Girl . . . 166,200
8. Lexi Star . . . . . 237,204	18. Five Steps . . . . . 148,440
9. Good Night Shirt . 224,163	19. Silver Knockers . . . 139,515
10. Grand Champion . 213,720	20. Paying Off . . . . . 138,210

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## Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on November 16. † denotes freshman sire.

### Earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love . . . . .	170	1,031	95	154	\$5,252,960
Outflanker . . . . .	130	885	74	141	2,937,970
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	155	1,147	89	163	2,634,170
Two Punch . . . . .	118	673	57	94	2,451,850
Lion Hearted . . . . .	97	543	59	93	2,129,770
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	146	906	70	122	2,035,920
Yarrow Brae . . . . .	60	376	29	48	1,156,730
Crowd Pleaser . . . . .	58	279	28	50	1,155,500
Mojave Moon . . . . .	64	478	36	58	1,034,450
Citidancer . . . . .	44	279	23	41	1,002,950
Polish Numbers . . . . .	48	280	23	44	918,293
Eastern Echo . . . . .	80	482	32	49	881,696
Crypto Star . . . . .	60	366	29	43	813,437
Carnivalay . . . . .	33	242	16	29	757,199
Go for Gin . . . . .	59	323	20	35	649,845
Wayne County (Ire) . . . . .	36	235	15	28	509,668
Waquoit . . . . .	34	206	16	20	433,747
Purple Passion . . . . .	12	115	7	15	286,790

### 2-year-old earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love . . . . .	25	73	6	9	\$469,767
Outflanker . . . . .	25	84	10	12	367,851
Lion Hearted . . . . .	27	78	8	11	286,173
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	12	35	4	5	220,777
†Rock Slide . . . . .	9	32	2	4	124,743
Two Punch . . . . .	13	34	2	2	108,270
†Seeking Daylight . . . . .	13	31	2	2	95,763
Citidancer . . . . .	2	6	2	2	89,570
Mojave Moon . . . . .	12	40	2	2	84,742
Waquoit . . . . .	3	9	1	2	78,831
Yarrow Brae . . . . .	5	12	2	4	64,475
†Parker's Storm Cat . . . . .	10	28	3	4	61,631

### Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	919	21,953	754	3,201	\$51,354,700
Two Punch . . . . .	724	14,044	566	2,152	43,286,400
Not For Love . . . . .	430	8,105	325	1,271	35,192,000
Polish Numbers . . . . .	439	8,777	361	1,303	31,745,700
Carnivalay . . . . .	494	13,054	401	1,784	29,533,800
Smarten . . . . .	507	12,394	388	1,692	27,078,900
Horatius . . . . .	590	15,118	470	1,925	26,515,000
Waquoit . . . . .	438	10,548	345	1,445	25,385,800
Citidancer . . . . .	285	6,523	245	1,137	23,793,700
Norquestor . . . . .	293	8,707	252	1,240	20,926,400
Eastern Echo . . . . .	396	7,686	271	1,021	20,701,900
Deputed Testamony . . . . .	350	10,043	263	1,390	18,262,100
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	356	5,550	257	747	17,709,000
Oh Say . . . . .	418	10,039	353	1,472	17,574,500
Shelter Half . . . . .	303	8,422	248	1,156	14,250,300

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch . . . . .	360	1,155	142	179	4,614,940
Smarten . . . . .	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers . . . . .	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Not For Love . . . . .	196	619	75	99	3,370,890
Citidancer . . . . .	149	563	80	122	3,168,860
Eastern Echo . . . . .	220	807	73	100	3,026,740
Carnivalay . . . . .	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	194	581	57	71	2,291,520
Outflanker . . . . .	149	606	62	83	2,083,950
Waquoit . . . . .	190	662	56	81	1,885,140