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RECORD PURSES FOR HORSEMEN

Philadelphia Park horsemen will reap purse increases amounting to about \$15,000 a day, the largest single boost in the history of the racetrack, after the State of Pennsylvania agreed to pump \$10 million from parimutuel taxes back into the racing industry.

The State's four racetracks, Philadelphia Park, Penn National, the Meadows and Pocono Downs, will divide the financial windfall, with each share based on total handle.

Philadelphia Park will thus receive the largest amount, approximately \$4.5 million, or 45 percent of the total package, with 22 percent each going to Penn National and the Meadows and 11 percent to Pocono Downs.

Horsemen and management at each track will split equally the money allotted to their venue, with the horsemen's share going directly to purses. At Philadelphia Park, it means horsemen will realize \$2.25 million more in their

pockets every year.

Under guidelines worked out by the State Legislature, the race-track operators must use their portions exclusively in ways that will enhance the sport, such as marketing, capital improvements, facility maintenance and general promotional activities.

In addition, horsemen will no longer be obligated to contribute to owner bonuses for Pennsylvania-bred races, savings

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PREVIEW OPENER DRAWS RAVES

by Larry McMullen

As temperatures soared toward 100 degrees, the only thing hotter June 10 at Philadelphia Park was the racing on the first annual Claiming Crown Preview Day.

With the seven races of the Preview offering total purses, including bonuses, of close to a quarter of a million dollars, a large and enthusiastic crowd that included

local politicians and celebrities contributed mightily to a handle of \$1.4 million. All of the connections of the participating horses embraced the

notion of a "Breeder's Cup" for claimers.

Typical were the comments of Chris Landicini, a former jockey turned trainer who conditions Lime Lake, winner of the \$25,400 Glass Slipper Stakes at 6 1/2 furlongs in a blistering 1:16 and a piece.

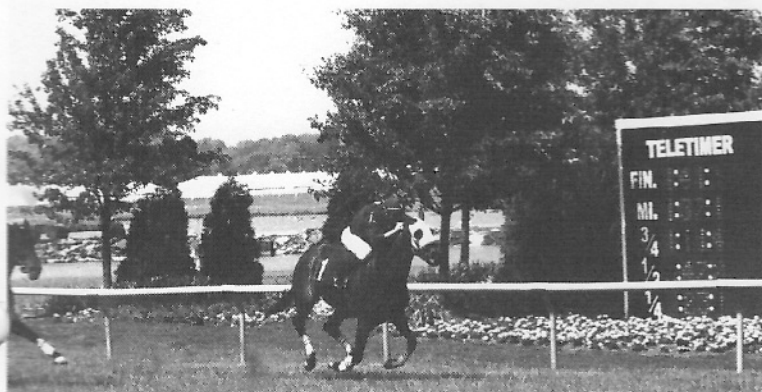
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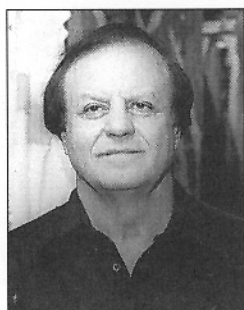
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SCENIC WONDER — With lush foliage and flower beds serving as a backdrop, High Gale maintains edge in stretch run of the Emerald Stakes on the turf.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .



LARRY RIVIELLO
President

Flash — After many, many months of negotiations, our horsemen have received \$10 million in new money to assist the racing industry in Pennsylvania. This new money is coming from the State budget.

All of the principals of Pennsylvania horse racing met with Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Samuel Hayes Jr., in Harrisburg. There were two meetings, Friday, May 26 and Friday, June 2. The purpose was to decide how to distribute the \$10 million.

A meeting was held June 1 with the PBHA and PTHA. Attending were President Robert Szeyller, Vice President Bill Brady and Mark McDermott, Joe Santanna, President of Penn National HPBA, PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, Purse Analyst Edward Simon and yours truly. All agreed it was a productive meeting.

Many thanks to all the above for achieving a successful outcome. Also thanks to our lobby-

ists, Steve Wojdak and Mike McLaughlin.

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An attempt to break a 22-year-drought in the Triple Crown just wasn't meant to be. Fusaichi Pegasus failed to win the Preakness but he did manage to snap a 21-year string in which no favorites won the Kentucky Derby. Jenine Sahadi, trainer of the Deputy, also failed in her bid to become the first female conditioner to capture the Derby.

Congratulations, however, are due to one of our local trainers, Joe Orseno, for winning the Preakness with Red Bullet.

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Joseph King, a consultant from Port Washington, N.Y., came to Philadelphia Park at our request, to test the racing surface. PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, Director Steve Rowan, Track Superintendent, Roy Smith, Director of Racing, Salvatore Sinatra and yours truly walked the mile track taking samples, measuring depths, etc.

The group, by the way, covered the mile in a slow 58 minutes.

The track surface was in terrible condition. King gave his report; he was scheduled to return in June.

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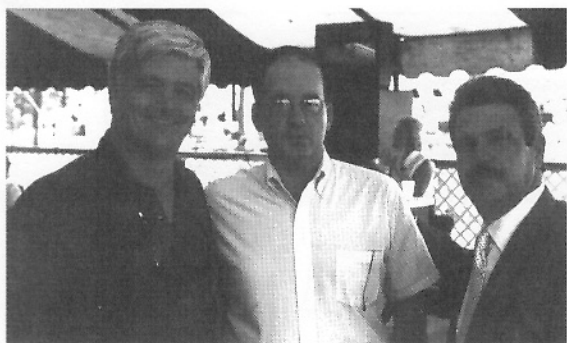
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PA. CLAIMING CROWN A SMASHING SUCCESS



BIG GUNS — State Sen. Robert M. Tomlinson, Penn National HBPA President Joe Santanna and PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi chat during running of the Pennsylvania Claiming Crown. All three played major roles in obtaining record purse increases in Pennsylvania after convincing the State to pump \$10 million back into the racing industry (see story on top of Page 1).

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"It's a great day for us, for the fans, for everybody," he said after the race. "We owe a debt of gratitude to Larry (Riviello) and Mike (Ballezzi)."

Landicini was referring to the work accomplished by PTHA President Riviello, Executive Director Ballezzi and their Board of Directors in developing the local event, patterned after the Claiming Crown at Canterbury Park, Minnesota, that debuted last year and continues with the second running Aug. 6.



THE APPEL CLAN — It's a family gathering for PTHA Director Steve Appel, parents Dan and Esther, wife Debbie and son Andrew in the hospitality tent during the inaugural running of the Pennsylvania Claiming Crown.

Philadelphia Park offered the same seven events, in distance and surface and even name of the individual stakes, as Canterbury, where purses for the Claiming Crown this year will total \$560,000.

Added interest was sparked locally by awarding bonuses to the winning connections to help cover travel expenses and nominating fees to the event in Minnesota. If the winners decide not to go, the bonus money will be passed on to

the highest-placed finisher in each stake who does make the Canterbury trip.

There was no doubt that winning one of the Claiming Crown Preview races put stars in the eyes of the successful owners, some of whom are brand new to the sport but obviously are quick learners.

Ruth Oshier, wife of Lime Lake co-owner Phillip G., explained what she anticipated before the race in which their mare ran down

dueling early leaders Big Fish and Omelet.

"We hoped she would catch the speed," she said.

"You sound like a handicapper," she was told.

"We've only

been in horse racing since January of this year," she said. "Chris taught us everything we know."

She, her retired Army husband and their trainer all agreed the idea of a Minnesota excursion intrigues them.

"She won today in racehorse time," Landicini bubbled about Lime Lake.

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One of the outcomes hoped for by the leadership of the PTHA was that the Claiming Crown Preview



HORSE RACING LIGHT — PTHA President Larry Riviello, another important cog in the financial windfall won by the State's horsemen, enjoys a laugh with Penn National President Joe Santanna and his wife Beth on Claiming Crown Preview Day.

would spark the development of a Team Pennsylvania to carry the state's banner to Canterbury Park in August.

To that end, Penn National HBPA President Joe Santanna was invited to attend the local event and, along with some members of his Board of Directors, was a much-interested spectator.

Horses from all over the country are invited to participate in the Minnesota Claiming Crown based on qualifying conditions and a point

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PENN NATIONAL HORSEMEN CREDIT PTHA ROLE IN RAISING PURSES

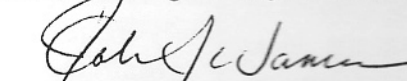
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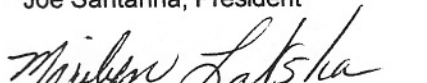
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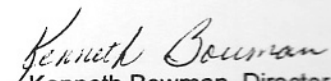
To: Larry Riviello & Mike Ballezzi
From: Joe Santanna, President
CC: HBPA Board of Directors
Date: 6/5/00
Re: Legislative Initiative

On behalf of the PA HBPA, Inc. Board of Directors and its general membership, I am writing to thank the two of you for the significant effort and leadership that you displayed during the initiation, formulation, and successful completion of the Legislative Initiative. The united effort of the Pennsylvania thoroughbred horsemen has never been more evident and effective than the leading role that it took in placing our interests at the forefront of this effort. Your persistence and unwavering dedication to this task reminds me of a phrase that I truly believe is representative of the horsemen's approach "Don't wait for your ship to come in ... swim out to it." Thanks again from all of us for a superior effort resulting in a very successful endeavor.

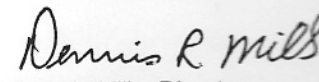

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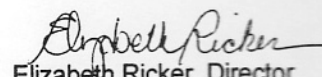

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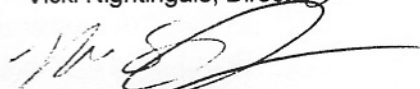

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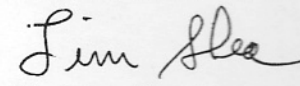

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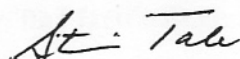

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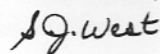

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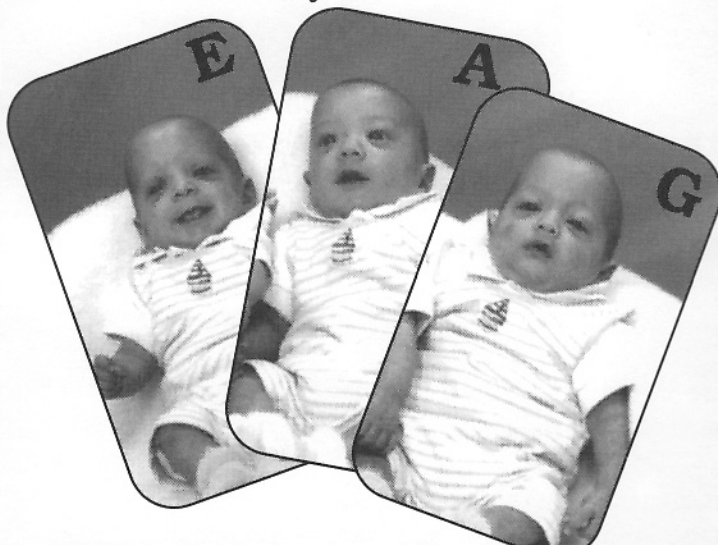
Susan West, Director



BACKSIDEVIEW

Up Close & Personal

Three Of A Kind



Philadelphia Park trainer **Alfredo Velazquez** has a hand that's next to impossible to beat, especially when the three of a kind he's holding are his grandsons (l. to r.) **Emilio, Alfredo** and **Giovanni**.

"Sure, I babysit them when I can," **Velazquez** was saying recently on the backstretch. "We love having them."

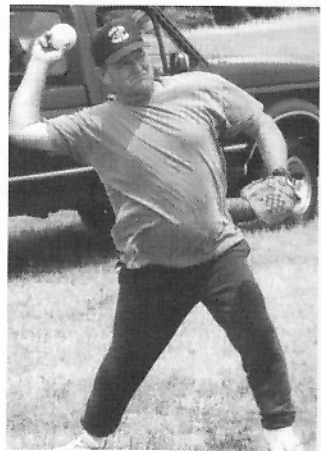
The triplets father is **Velazquez**' son, **Alfredo Jr.**, who is a police officer in Queens, NY. Mom is **Licia Velazquez**. The boys were born Dec. 10 of last year.

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Philadelphia Park's Softball League is off to a great start with games being played Friday through Tuesday, most beginning at 5 p.m. The games are played on the field behind the Rec Hall.

The eight teams participating are **Cloud Nine, Corporation, Dream Team, Gumpsters, Sackers, PTHA, TRN Bears** and **Y2K**.

Recreation Commissioner **Ron Taylor** has done an excellent job organizing the league. He wishes to give special thanks for outstanding support to the PTHA, President **Larry Riviello**, Executive Director **Mike Ballezzi** and the entire Board of Directors, to **Jim Gagliano** of track management and to the Chaplain's Office.



Taylor says all of the players in the league are looking forward to the East versus West competition during the July 4th weekend and urges everyone to come out, enjoy the games and root on their favorite teams.

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Duffy Stellmach, son of newsletter graphics editor **Coleen McMullen** and grandson of newsletter editor **Larry McMullen**, has joined the ranks of graduates across this great country who have completed the curriculum and measured up to the academic standards of their institutions of learning.

His mother said she would like to take bows for all the sacrifice and hard work that have gone into this achievement but she might be accused of slight exaggeration.

Duffy is 4 years old and newly graduated from pre-school.

He enters kindergarten next Fall.



PREVIEW OPENER DRAWS RAVES



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system pegged on placings in races ranging from claiming and starter events to allowance races and stakes.

Based on comments by owners and trainers at Philadelphia Park on Claiming Crown Preview Day, Team Pennsylvania is a ship that's set to sail.

"We're going," was the flat statement of Barry McCarty, owner of Bion, who captured the \$30,450 Rapid Transit Stakes at 6 1/2 furlongs.

"Definitely," said Farrel Mann, the trainer of Programable, ridden by Rolanda Simpson to a stunning victory at odds of more than 40-1 in the \$20,550 Express Stakes at 6 furlongs. Simpson also scored with Felite Patet in the \$33,300 Emerald Stakes in the Preview.

Mann, a dentist who is preoccupied with training racehorses these days, then hedged a bit about skipping on down the road to Canterbury.

"We're going if Rolanda goes," he said.

The hedge was quickly cleared by Simpson, who said, "I'm going if he goes."

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Husband and wife owner-trainer duo Lisa and Randy Allen said they bought Original Copy with the Preview and the Claiming Crown in mind and were rewarded by winning the \$20,500 Iron Horse Stakes with the eight-year-old gelding.

"We'll have to see if we have enough points to qualify for Minnesota," said Randy Allen.

Tanya Boulmetis, trainer of High Gale, winner of the \$30,400 Tiara Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on the turf, had more to celebrate than most of the successful connections.

Not only did she score with High Gale wire to wire in the filly's first ever try on the grass, the Claiming Crown Preview Day was also Boulmetis' birthday. Her plate might have been too full to immediately consider Canterbury Park.

"We'll have to think about it," she said after noting one of the reasons she tried her very quick filly on the turf was because, "speed tends to carry on grass."

Thomas R. Miller, who trained Felite Patet to victory in the \$33,300 Emerald Stakes on the grass, approached the idea of participating in the Claiming Crown in Minnesota with some caution.

Miller pointed out the six-year-old gelding was winless in ten starts last year.

"He wasn't too healthy," Miller said. "He's a bad-footed horse."

Not so bad footed that he hasn't made it halfway to Minnesota this year, though.

And finally, if there is any hesitation on the part of the other owners who are thinking of being members of Team Pennsylvania, Robert Orfanelli gave a ringing endorsement of the venture.

Orfanelli, who owns B Flat Major, winner of the Preview Day's richest race, the \$50,450 Jewel Stakes at 1 1/8 miles, took Emperor Tiger to Canterbury Park last year for the Claiming Crown and finished second, a feat that earned the owner more than \$20,000.

"I loved it out there last year," said Orfanelli.

It goes without saying that he wouldn't mind taking part again.

If the whole point is that treating claiming horses like royalty spreads excitement and interest to every level of the industry, Orfanelli is proof it's working.

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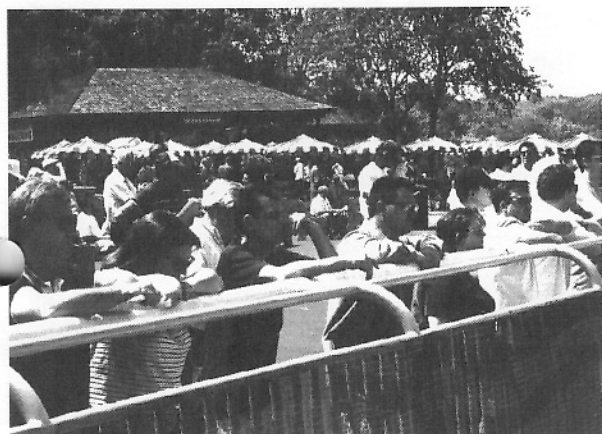
CELEBRATION — Trainer Tanya Boulmetis tried S and S Stables' High Gale on the Grass for the first time and received an extra present on her birthday when the filly won the Tiara Stakes.



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY — New race horse owners Phill G. Oshier and his wife Ruth visit winners' circle after their Lime Lake won the Glass Slipper Stakes. Philadelphia Park Director of Racing Sal Sinatra (center, dark suit) is one of the presenters.



MADE IN THE SHADE — Guests enjoy the cool surroundings of the PTHA and Philadelphia Park hospitality tent during the running of the Pennsylvania Claiming Crown.



RAILBIRDS — Fans draw closer to the action on Preview Day.



JUMP FOR JOY — Carlos Cruz makes exuberant leap from Lime Lake after guiding the mare to victory in the Glass Slipper Stakes.



3rd race -- \$25,400 Glass Slipper Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, F&M, 6 1/2 Furlongs

Winning Time: 1:16.68

4	Lime Lake	Carlos Cruz	8.00	2.60	2.10
5	Big Fish	Miguel Angel Espindo		2.20	2.10
1	Omlet	Alex Cole			2.10

Winning Owner: Ruth and Phillip G. Osher

Winning Trainer: Chris Landicini, Jr.



4th race -- \$20,500 Iron Horse Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, 1 1/16 Miles

Winning Time: 1:45.42

5	Original Copy	Carlos Cruz	12.40	5.60	4.00
2	Gold 'n Regal	Alex Cole		5.00	3.60
10	Spectacular Beat	Jose Luis Flores			3.80

Winning Owner: Lisa M. Allen

Winning Trainer: Randy Allen



5th race -- \$30,450 Rapid Transit Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, 6 1/2 Furlongs

Winning Time: 1:15.07

6	Bion	Jose Luis Flores	15.20	4.80	2.10
2	Heart's Cry	Anthony S. Black		2.60	2.10
5	Sell the Farm	Arnaldo Unshihuay			2.10

Winning Owner: McCarty Racing

Winning Trainer: Ronald C. Bradford



6th race -- \$20,550 Express Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, 6 Furlongs

Winning Time: 1:09.86

11	Programable	Rolanda Simpson	87.00	28.40	10.20
1	Kim's Testamony	Roberto J. Rosado		6.20	4.40
10	Two Wood	Miguel A. Sanchez			3.60

Winning Owner: Stratis, Margo and Aleph Stable

Winning Trainer: Farrel Mann



7th race -- \$30,400 Tiara Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, F&M, 1 1/6 Miles, Turf

Winning Time: 1:43.66

1	High Gale	Alex Cole	8.60	3.80	3.40
6	Armed and Ready	Jose Luis Flores		2.80	2.40
2	Uptown Caution	Jose German Castanon			3.80

Winning Owner: S and S Stables

Winning Trainer: Tanya Boulmetis



8th race -- \$33,300 Emerald Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, 1 1/16 Miles, Turf

Winning Time: 1:41.72

3	Felite Patet	Rolanda Simpson	9.40	2.60	2.10
1	G. R. Rabbit	Jose Luis Flores		2.20	2.10
5	Red Cloud (FR)	Carlos E. Lopez, Jr.			2.10

Winning Owner: Edward A. Rudley

Winning Trainer: Thomas R. Miller



9th race -- \$50,450 Jewel Stakes

Three Year Old and Upward, 1 1/8 Miles

Winning Time: 1:50.81

4	B Flat Major	Rodrigo Madrigal, Jr.	11.80	5.80	3.60
1A	Colonel Chris	Carlos Cruz		4.60	2.80
3	Shock Value	Jeffrey Scott Lloyd			3.20

Winning Owner: Robert Orfanelli

Winning Trainer: Ronald C. Bradford

TOTAL HANDLE: \$1,413,019



I hear a lot of moaning and groaning about, "No Triple Crown winner this year." This is one person who has the opposite point of view. At this writing, as I sit here shortly before the running of the Belmont, I contemplate and hope for another horse to win the classic race. (The hope turned into reality when the connections of Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus and his Preakness conqueror Red Bullet decided not to run).

We have heard all year that this crop of 3 year olds was

extremely talented. Well, they are proving it where it counts when on any given day, almost any one of them can win over very competent competition. This says to me that we are producing and breeding the best race horses in the world. That's why I'm happy about the result of the Derby and the Preakness and wanted to see another horse win the Belmont.

So why am I happy? As a small breeder, I looked around for the bloodlines opened to me. I wanted "sires of sires" blood. There were only two of them available and both at the same farm.

What resulted was that I now have two grandsons of Mr. Prospector through Power Of Mind and one grandson of



ISADORE SCHWARTZ

Deputy Minister through Bombardier.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hopefully, Roy Smith, using the important data from the inspection, will bring the surface up to specifications.

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The 21st annual Iroquois Awards Dinner was held Thursday, May 25, at the beautiful Hershey Hotel. Congratulations to all of the awardees.

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Congratulations to Barbara

Geraghty and local trainer Anthony Correnti, who won the 3-year-old male championship in 1998 and won the older male championship in 1999 with Power By Far.

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The inaugural running of the Pennsylvania Claiming Crown Preview Day on Saturday, June 10, was a smashing success with more than \$250,000 in purses and bonuses awarded in seven races that we proudly called a Breeder's Cup for claimers (A story on the winners, including photos and

quotes from owners and trainers, begins on Page 1).

The Preview, of course, leads into the Claiming Crown 2000 at Canterbury Park on Aug. 6 with purses totalling \$560,000. It's the second year the event has been staged at Canterbury.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When a person has something on his mind, he can't keep it out of his mouth.

PREVIEW DAY PHOTOS & FACTS



LONGSHOT — Trainer Farrel Mann accepts awards from Penn National HPBA President Joe Santanna after Programable won the Express Stakes and paid \$87.



WINNING NOTE — Smiles all around as owner Robert Orfanelli enjoys fruits of B Flat Major's triumph in the Jewel Stakes.



TUNING IN — WIP sports radio personality Mike Missanelli makes a presentation after Felite Patet, owned by Edward A. Rudley and trained by Thomas R. Miller, annexed the Emerald Stakes. Co-presenter is PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi.



MINNESOTA BOUND — Barry McCarty said it's a lock he'll take Bion to Canterbury Park for the Claiming Crown after winning the Rapid Transit Stakes with his six-year-old gelding, trained by Ronald C. Bradford. PTHA President Larry Riviello is one of the presenters.



2000 PA CLAIMING CROWN - BEST TURNED OUT GROOM AND HORSE

RACE	HORSE'S NAME	GROOM	TRAINER
3	LIME LAKE	Penny Sanders	C. Landicini, Jr.
4	LATE AGAIN	Linda Cowan	R.E. Taylor
5	VERSED OF POWER	Eric Garcia	D. Curry
6	DILDEI	Danny Gonzalez	A. Gonzalez
7	HIGH GALE	Rual Solis	T. Boulmetis
8	RED CLOUD	Charles Burrows	A. Velazquez
9	PONCHO DUCK	Joseph Sanchez	M. Fusco

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that will amount to about \$1.4 million a year at Philadelphia Park.

Added to the \$2.25 million increase in purses, it brings the immediate worth of the package for local horsemen to \$3.65 million a year.

The agreement between the

State and horsemen to redistribute parimutuel taxes to provide a major boost for the racing industry was the result of behind-the-scenes negotiations over the last couple of years that were spearheaded locally by PTHA President Larry Riviello, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, 1st Vice President Sal DeBunda, the PTHA Board of Directors, Purse Analyst Ed Simon and lobbyists Steve Wojdak and

Mike McLaughlin.

Also instrumental were Penn National HPBA President Joe Santanna and his Board of Directors, State Senate Majority Leader F. Joseph Loeper, House Majority Leader John M. Perzel, Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes and State Senators Robert M. Tomlinson and Jeffrey E. Piccola.

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SURPRISING — BUT COMMENDABLE

In a Belmont Stakes that was most notable for the horses that weren't entered, the human element provided the winning edge as trainer D. Wayne Lukas captured his 13th victory in Triple Crown races to tie Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons' record and jockey Pat Day registered his third score in the final leg of the classic series by guiding Commendable, at odds of 18-1 to the winners' circle.

Fusaichi Pegasus, who won the Kentucky Derby, sat out the Belmont after suffering a slight injury in his stall and Red Bullet,



COMMENDABLE — Saw an advantage, took it.

who passed the Derby and upset Fusaichi in the Preakness, skipped the last leg on a decision by his connections.

All of which left the Belmont a wide-open affair, underscored by the

fact that Commendable's only prior victory came in his maiden breaker last August at Del Mar. Lukas' charge was kept out of the Preakness after finishing 17th in the Kentucky Derby, beaten 26 lengths by Fusaichi Pegasus.

Commendable's owners, Bob and Beverly Lewis, won their first Belmont. They failed in this race in 1995 and 1999, just missing a sweep of the Triple Crown each time after taking the first two legs with Silver Charm and Charismatic.



FUSAICHI PEGASUS — Won Derby, stalled for Belmont.



RED BULLET — Direct hit in Preakness, wasn't fired in Triple Crown finale.



PTHA TROPHY WINNERS MARCH - JUNE



HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER
HIGH SPEED QUAD	JAMES PANTANO	DONALD SAVILLE
TWISTEN WINDY	SYCAMORE LANE STABLE	FLINT W. STITES
RUNAWAY CAPADE	GEE THREE STABLE	EDWARD T. ENGLISH
TWISTY	PATRICIA MANAHAN	PATRICIA MANAHAN
SLAMMIN SAMMY	TAMARA CAPANAS	TAMARA CAPANAS
WILD SIDE	KATHLEEN WILLIER	JOHN S. McCASLIN
DA NIECE	TERI GIOVIA-SMITH	ALLEN IWINSKI
LAPIZ LAZULI	EDITH M. LOMBARDI	JOHN S. MCCASLIN
STOP THAT WEDDING	JOSEPH ASBELL	ROBERT E. JACOBS
SLAKO	LINDA COWAN	LINDA COWAN
REGAL LETTER	EMERALD RACING STABLE	HEROLD O. WHYLIE
ANA ROSA	SILVERROD STABLE	EDWARD J. COLETTI, JR.
HALO'S SERENADE	SYLMAR FARM	RONALD HOUGHTON
MOONMOUR	FRED WILHELM	JENNIE SALDANA
LEGENDARY REVIEW	JANIS GERACE	JANIS GERACE
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NEW CHAPLAIN ON BACKSTRETCH

Philadelphia Park horsemen welcome the Rev. Jack Cordell, the new chaplain. He replaces Chaplain Charles Patane, who held the post on an interim basis following the retirement late last year of Chaplain Nick Salios. Chaplain Salios served locally for 20 years.

The Rev. Cordell's background includes three years as an Army chaplain, with one year in Vietnam. He has also served ministries on the college campus, at a state psychiatric hospital and at churches.

He began his pastorate for the Philadelphia Park horsemen and

their families June 13. He said he invites everyone to visit the Chaplain's Office in the Recreation Building to say hello. He can be reached by phone at extensions 3398 or 3513.

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GREEN THUMBS, GREEN CASH

OK, so money doesn't grow on trees.

It grows in flower gardens.

At least at Philadelphia Park, where the annual garden contest on the backstretch is in bloom again.

The main difference from last year is that cash prizes will be awarded to the 12 best gardens at the barns instead of the eight best. Judging again will be by Daria Bowman, a florist from the New Hope area.

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Prizes are as follows:

1st — \$500	7th — \$100
2nd — \$325	8th — \$75
3rd — \$250	9th — \$50
4th — \$225	10th — \$35
5th — \$150	11th — \$25
6th — \$125	12th — \$15

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Participants must register with the PTHA or with Gerry Weipert.

Only live plants and flowers will be considered. The gardens must have balance, as far as color, size, etc., are concerned. Novelty gardens must include flower arrangements to be considered. Mature gardens must be weeded and tended. Participants can enter the contest even after judging has begun.

Judging for the first of this year's four contests, jointly sponsored by the PTHA and Philadelphia Park, was June 19, too late for the winners to be announced in this issue. Other judging dates are July 17, Aug. 14 and Sept. 1.

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