

EAGLE POINT FARM

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Eagle Point Farm's homebred GET TO STEPPIN' broke his maiden on July 2nd by 3 1/4 lengths in a 5 1/2 furlong turf race. Karen Dennehy trained the winner who came back on Virginia Derby Day with a close second when GET TO STEPPIN' beat the inside horse but never saw the winner flying on the outside. Another homebred TOCCOA ran four times and picked up a check each time.

Dave Hill had "Bubba", as he calls HAMMER START a Purple Comet gelding, ready for the meet. HAMMER START, won on July 8th by 2 1/2 lengths. Bubba also had two seconds at Pimlico on May 7th and May 27th, and a second on June 20th at Colonial Downs and finished with a third on August 8th. Bubba is at Eagle Point for a well deserved

Cobbly's Jewel by Tom Cobbly added a win for the winning owner David Ross at Colonial Downs with a win on June 20th. She saved ground off a contested pace, angled out 4 wide upper stretch and rallied between rivals and took command. Ann Merryman trains the filly. Heidi Overfelt of Bedford, Virginia is the breeder.

GOT OFF EASY has found her winning ways for owners Holabird Racing Stable. The Judge T. C. filly broke her maiden at Charles Town on May 11th when she prompted the pace on the rail and drew off.

In the same running style GOT OFF EASY won on June 25th at Charles Town setting the pace and drawing off to win by 1/2 length. Then on July 20th at Charles Town she saved ground and then made a bid 4 wide to win by 3/4 lengths.

LITTLE MISS MARTHA, a two year old filly by Smoke Glacken, provided a thrill for owner Elmon T. Gray of Waverly, Virginia. Gray purchased a yearling last year and named her for one of his granddaughters. Since he has two granddaughters, Robbie Bailes purchased another gray filly at the Timonium Sales in May. After a name change and some R & R at Eagle Point, LITTLE MISS MARTHA made her debut in great fashion. How great to have a first time starter win for owner Elmon Gray and his granddaughter Martha on the last day of racing at Colonial Downs!

SCATIE PAREE— 2003 filly by Scatmandu won two races. Breaking her maiden on July 24th, she won by 4 1/2 furlong after prompting the pace two wide and responded when set down leaving the 3/16 marker and widened under a drive for owner Marvin Champion of Arlington. The filly came back with a win on August 11th for trainer Ham Smith, leading trainer at Colonial Downs. Scatie Patee started the meet with a second on July 10th.

Trainer Kathleen Dibben had a good meet with her Eagle Point Farm graduates. MIGHTY UNBRAKEABLE by Mighty Forum won by 3/4 lengths on July 21st after stumbling at the start and closed determinedly six wide for the win for owner Kristie Ridley of Lanexa, Virginia. Dibbens also won with MYSTIQUE MOON on July 24th by 1 1/4 lengths, when she was six wide and drove clear in the one mile turf race for owners Beverly Bower and Christine Bricker. Then MIGHTY VALDIAR, by Mighty Forum won a 1 1/8 mile turf by 4 3/4 lengths after dueling under rating, shook clear around the far turn and responded when set down and proved much the best. MIGHTY VALIDAR also had a second on June 18th at Colonial Downs

A FIRM BRIDGE by Peteski won on May 27, 2006 at Pimlico in a starter Allowance when he stalked the pace and closed outside and was up in time. Mrs. Frank Wright 's gelding won again on July 22, 2006 in a 1 1/8 mile turf Handicap at Colonial Downs.

Killcullen by Awad won on July 18, 2006 at Colonial Downs for owner Sunny Ridge Farm and Michelle Sharp (trainer) when he was smoothly rated and advanced wide entering the far turn and dueled. Dan Ryan is the breeder.

George Sheehan had a good summer. SOUTHERN WARRIOR by Mt. Magazine won at Charles Town on July 14th in 1 1/8 race when he won by one with a strong drive. He was second on June 3rd. His little sister SOUTHERN FURY by Purple Comet had a second first time out at Charles Town on May 26th, followed by another second on July 4th and then a win on July 16th. Jeff Runco trains the filly who won by a neck.

Denise Franklin's owned and trained *Hanover Wharf* won at Charles Town on June 2nd by 2 1/2 lengths. Off a step slow *Hanover Wharf* bid along rail around the turn, angled out and gained the lead late in the stretch and drove clear. Saul Schultz of Ashland bred the gray filly by Bowlers' Wharf who added a stakes place in the \$60,000 Punch Line Stakes and then a closing second on August 11th at Colonial Downs in an Allowance Race on the turf.

GRANT'S MOON by Malibu Moon returned to her winning ways at Pimlico with a win in a Allowance race at 1 1/16 mile. She won by 2 1/4 lengths after dueling around the final turn and edged clear for owner Kevin Burton and owner/trainer Donovan Haughton.

PLEASANT HOPE had a double win- at Charles Town on May 26th and on June 3rd for breeder Carl Southworth.

LEAPSHIN won at Great Lake Downs on June 21st for breeder Dave Belknap of Michigan.

O'RIRIN won at Penn National on May 30th for breeder Dan Ryan.

COBBLEY'S PRIDE by Tom Cobbley won at Charles Town on by 4 1/2 lengths in 1 1/8 mile race for breeder Heidi Overflett.

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY. . . After such a big win, Daddy decided that Ginger needed to go to the race track. He drove up to Charles Town, West Virginia and walked in a local drug store, and asked the pharmacist if he knew of a trainer at the track. (Why you go to a drug store to find a trainer I do not know?) The man pointed to a man having lunch and said he was a trainer. Daddy introduced himself and told him the story about Ginger winning at the country meet. Mr. Mills said that the race meet was to end next week and it would not make sense to bring Ginger all the way up for such a short time. Daddy told him that Ginger was outside the drug store in the trailer. Arrangements were made and Ginger was scheduled to run at Charles Town on the last day of the meet in the last race. Daddy, Mother, my aunts and my uncles all traveled up to Charles Town Races to see Ginger's race. None of them had ever been to a race track. The past performances of Ginger revealed that she had raced four times as a two year old and three year old and was beat 20 to 30 lengths each time. This time she was an 8 year old broodmare in a maiden race. In the paddock Daddy told the jockey not to go to the lead because Ginger was used to fox hunting and you can't go in front of the Master of the Hunt. I can only imagine the thoughts of this jockey as he listened to my father. Well of all things Ginger WINS!! My father won over \$2500 betting. He was so wild, he was throwing all the small bills on the floor saying he didn't need small change and of course my aunts were on their hands and knees picking up the tens and twenties. That was a huge pay day in 1952 with the win and bet. Mother and Daddy hosted a big dinner party in honor of Ginger's win with engraved silver lighters for guest favors. It was quite an event.

After Charles Town, Daddy hauled Ginger to Maryland where he met Charlie "Pistol" White, his trainer and from then on a close friend. Ginger won some more races that fall but then her performance fell off. When her track record began declining, Daddy brought her back at home and discovered that Ginger was in foal. Daddy had bred her that spring to his stallion Fellahin and thought she was barren. So then Ginger really started her career as a broodmare and produced a lot of useful runners and we were in the horse racing business. And that is not the end of the story. The third generation is just beginning!



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