



# Country Life Press

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### Newsletter



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### **BREEDERS' CUP BOUND**

**Maryland-Bred FULMINEO, bred by Country Life and Starr of Quality LLC, runs TODAY at 7:40 PM EST - Friday, Nov. 3, in \$1-Million Juvenile Turf**



In our 90th year of foaling and raising Thoroughbreds at Country Life Farm, we hope the Gods of Racing reward our perseverance by giving a good trip to farm-bred FULMINEO in Friday's Grade 1, million-dollar Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. The 2-year-old Bolt d'Oro colt was foaled here at Country Life on April 1, 2021. We bought his dam, \$307,529 stakes winner STARR OF QUALITY for \$72,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, carrying FULMINEO.

FULMINEO is trained by French-born conditioner Arnaud Delacour at Maryland's own Fair Hill Training Center in Cecil County. While we think he might want more distance than the 1-mile Juvenile Turf, the Santa Anita turf course is known for being fast and it could set up for closers like Fulmineo. In his last start, the G2 Pilgrim Stakes, he was closing fast but got bumped and nearly shut off in the stretch and still managed to finish 2nd. Just having a horse that we bred in a Breeders Cup race is a thrill in itself so we'll be cheering him on in this and all future races.

We are heading to Kentucky next week for the latest breeding stock sales, looking for similar type mares like Fulmineo's dam Starr of Quality. Send us an email if you would like to be apprised of our next breeding partnership offering.

## MD MILLION DAY SUCCESS FOR COUNTRY LIFE SIRES



**Ain't Da Beer Cold (inside), by Freedom Child, wins the \$150,000 MD Million Classic after a disqualification of Market Maven, by Super Ninety Nine. JHA photo**



**Precious Avary, by Divining Rod, wins the \$125,000 MD Million Ladies Stakes.** Jim McCue photo



**Wicked Prankster, by Mosler, takes the \$125,000 MD Million Turf Stakes for the 2nd year in a row.** Jim McCue photo

Maryland Million Day was a success for Country Life sires, both present and past. Divining Rod and Mosler got stakes winners on the day, and former CLF stallions Freedom Child and Super Ninety Nine sired the exacta in the feature race of the day, the \$150,000 MD Million Classic.

The wins started with Divining Rod's daughter PRECIOUS AVARY, who got her first blacktype stakes win in the \$125,000 MD Million Ladies Stakes on turf. A winner of the non-blacktype Jersey Girl Handicap in July at Monmouth, the homebred for Bo & Stella Smith was broken and trained at Merryland Farm before heading to trainer Tim Shaw last year. After a 2nd on debut in September of her 2-year-old year, she broke her maiden next out in a Maiden Special Weight race for New Jersey-breds at Meadowlands. After two off the board finishes in stakes company, she returned to the Allowance level this year and won three straight at Monmouth Park this summer. She was able to set a slow pace and take them all the way in the MD Million Ladies Stakes.

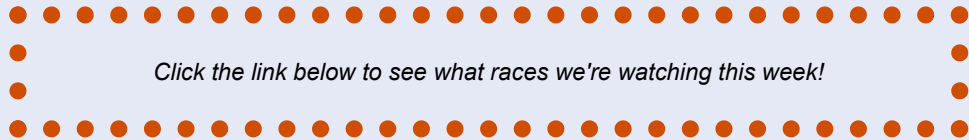
Two races later Mosler's son WICKED PRANKSTER won the \$125,000 MD Million Turf Stakes for the second year in a row, also in wire to wire fashion. Bred by Country Life and the Broken Trust Fund LLC, the gelding was claimed out of his first start by current owner/trainer Samuel Davis. 29 starts later, the 5-year-old has racked up 5 wins with earnings of \$301,271.

Capping the day was a thrilling finish to the \$150,000 MD Million Classic, which saw a CLF-sired exacta. Freedom Child's son Ain't Da Beer Cold battled with Super Ninety Nine's son Market Maven from start to finish. Late in the stretch, Market Maven, ridden by Carlos Lopez, came in on Ain't Da Beer Cold and bumped him. Market Maven crossed the wire a neck in front, but an objection by Jevian Toledo, rider of Ain't Da Beer Cold, led to the disqualification of Market Maven to 2nd.

Several other good finishes by CLF sires on the day included a 2nd for Shady Munni (Friesan Fire) in a Starter Handicap, a win for Bad Temper (Super Ninety Nine) in a Starter Handicap, and a 2nd for Response Time (Mosler) in the MD Million Distaff Stakes. Several Merryland training graduates also had

good days, topped by 2-year-old Miss Harriett's debut win in the \$100,000 MD Million Lassie two months after leaving the farm to go to trainer Brandon McFarlane at Pimlico. Broken at Merryland last fall as a yearling, she trained on as a 2-year-old with just a brief break in the spring before starting to breeze this summer. She showed promise on the farm and continued to impress once shipped in to Brandon's barn in August. Congratulations to her owner/breeder Dave Baxter of Narrow Leaf Farm.

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## Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

### **DIVINING ROD**

***DIVINE FASHION:*** 10/6 at CT, Starter Allowance (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farris)

***LIVING WATER:*** 10/11 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; owner/trainer Silvino Ramirez)

***PRECIOUS AVARY:*** 10/14 at LRL, MD Million Ladies Stakes (breeder/owner Smith Farm & Stable; trainer Tim Shaw)

***DIVINE ROMANCE:*** 10/15 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC; trainer Michael Trombetta)

***QUANTICO CREEK:*** 10/21 at DEL, Claiming (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; owner Runaway Point Farms LLC; trainer Mark Shuman)

***BORN FOR VICTORY:*** 10/22 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; owner Cynthia Cordero; trainer Alexis Cordero-Lopez)

***LIQUIDATOR:*** 10/27 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owner Not the 1 Stable; trainer Linda Albert)

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## **MOSLER**

**WICKED PRANKSTER:** 10/14 at LRL, \$125,000 MD Million Turf Stakes (breeder CLF & Broken Trust Fund LLC; owner/trainer Samuel G. Davis)

**ESPERANNA:** 10/26 at LRL, Starter (breeder CLF & Moonlit Malibu LLC; owner Jose M. Gallegos; trainer W. Thomas McMahon)

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## **FRIESAN FIRE**

**KISSED BY FIRE:** 10/7 at SA, Allowance (breeder Barak Farm & Sharon Dodgen; owner Exline-Border Racing LLC, Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, LLC, Ocean Reef Racing and Aaron Kennedy; trainer Peter Eurton)

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## **OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:**

**ACE NINE NINE (Super Ninety Nine - Smash Review)** - Claiming win on 10/6 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm; owned by Robert R. Beck; trained by David Howard. Lifetime earnings \$197,604.

**TWIRLING WIND (Twirling Candy - Miss Moonshine)** - Claiming win on 10/25 at Parx. Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss Moonshine LLC; owned by Luis R. Holanda; trained by Tony Perez Flores. Lifetime earnings \$134,228.

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