

April 2025

**Maryland-bred PASSION RULES (by Friesan Fire):
Possible Preakness Starter?**

**Maryland-bred QUINT'S BREW (by Mosler):
Possible Preakness Card Sprint?**



On April 5, when PASSION RULES, a 3-year-old Maryland-bred, closed strong to finish third against Kentucky Derby-bound RODRIGUEZ in the Grade 2, \$750,000 Wood Memorial Stakes, he may have impressed trainer Brad Cox enough to aim for the second jewel of the Triple Crown, Pimlico's 150th Preakness Stakes on May 17.

RODRIGUEZ earned 100 points and now ranks 4th on the Derby Points Leaderboard. PASSION RULES earned 25 points---not enough to enter the Starting Gate for the famous Kentucky classic, for which his sire, Country Life veteran star Friesan Fire, broke from the gate as the favorite in the 2009 renewal.

However, PASSION RULES *is* eligible for a \$500,000 opportunity provided by Maryland's legislature through the state's Special Fund---for Maryland-Bred and/or Maryland-Sired winners of the Preakness Stakes. Since PASSION RULES is *both bred-and-sired in Maryland*, his breeders---Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes of Thornmar Farm in Chestertown---would receive a \$225,000 bonus, with the identical sum of \$225,000 to PASSION RULES' owner, historic Calumet Farm.

The balance of the \$500,000 Special Fund award would be a \$50,000 Stallion Award to sire Friesan Fire.

We've reached out to Cox via Facebook to bring his attention to this added-money incentive. (Calumet is the leading owner of Preakness winners with eight.) And PASSION RULES would become the eighth Maryland-bred---and the first since Deputed Testamony in 1983---to take this state's marquee event, the Super Bowl of Maryland racing. PASSION RULES came out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, where he was purchased by Calumet for \$40,000.

Not to be outshined, FRIESAN FIRE's stallion barn stablemate MOSLER has a star of his own this spring: QUINT'S BREW. A hundred yards from the finish line in the April 5, Grade 2, \$300,000 Carter Stakes at Aqueduct, QUINT'S BREW was cruising to a 3-length lead. Maybe he didn't see rival Crazy Mason closing like a cat on fire. Chart notes for QUINT read: "dug in, caught in final strides." Oh well, that's racing.

The \$60,000 2nd-place money boosted QUINT's earnings to \$306,240. Trainer Ned Allard has several condition books open on his Delaware Park tack-room desk. The Grade 2, one-mile Westchester Handicap on Sunday, May 4, at the Belmont-at-the-Big A Spring Meet, carries a purse of \$175,000. Thirteen days later, on the Preakness undercard, is the \$100,000 Maryland Million Sprint Stakes at six furlongs. QUINT'S BREW is owned by Paul Berube, Karen Linnell, and Heather B. Hunter.

Country Life congratulates all the fine breeders and owners who have patronized our stallions. Here's hoping for a Big Spring for everyone.

MARYLAND HORSE FARM TOUR:

Sunday, May 11

Featuring MERRYLAND FARM

Maryland's rich tradition of raising quality Thoroughbreds will be on display as part of the 2025 Preakness Festival events. Inspired by Gov. Wes Moore and First Lady Dawn Moore, the Preakness Festival celebrates the coming renaissance of Maryland's horse industry, as the state prepares to fund a \$500,000 bond and revenue investment in rebuilding Pimlico and constructing a state-of-the-art training center at the former Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, Maryland.

With several breeding farms already on the tour, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association feels the public might also enjoy seeing the operation of a Thoroughbred training center. We offered to open up Merryland Farm on Mother's Day in the spirit of this month of May. As the running of the 150th Preakness approaches, we will feature future riding stars of the sport, as we host the United States Pony Racing Association as part of the Open House/Farm Tour. The young equestrians will gallop their steeds in the sands of the five-eighths-mile training track at Merryland. Click picture below for link to the brochure.

Please join us for a Sunday in the country. Register at: [Maryland Horse Farm Tour - Maryland Horse Foundation](#)



FIRST WAVE OF MARES HOME FROM KENTUCKY

The Country Life Farm Broodmare Band is divided into Maryland mares to support Country Life stallions, and Kentucky-bound mares who, after delivering a fresh crop of Maryland-bred foals, then travel 600 miles to find love in the Bluegrass, and 600 miles back home to the green grass of Bel Air.

This past week, we welcomed back from Kentucky five of our Breeding Partnership LLC mares. Listed, with updates:

- **FIFTEEN ROYALS**: With her 2025 colt at side by red-hot Spendthrift sire MAXIMUS MISCHIEF (the Leading 3rd-Crop Sire nationally), this 8-year-old mare returned from Lexington in foal to 2022 Preakness Stakes winner EARLY VOTING;
- **MAYBE I WILL**: With her 2025 colt at side by BOLT d'ORO (the Leading Freshman Sire in 2022), this stakes-winning 7-year-old mare returned in foal to VEKOMA (the Leading 2nd-Crop Sire of 2025, with 6 stakes winners);
- **MISS NONDESCRIPT**: With her 2025 filly at side by MANDALOUN (2021 Kentucky Derby winner), this 7-year-old winner of the Maryland Million Lassie Stakes returned in foal to Uncle Mo's Gr. 1-winning freshman sire KINGSBARN.
- **RESPONSE TIME**: This 7-year-old maiden mare by Country Life stalwart MOSLER earned \$497,978, including the \$100,000 Timonium Distaff

Stakes, and she returned from Kentucky in foal to MAXIMUS MISCHIEF, sire of Raging Torrent, who on April 5 won the \$1-million GRP Stakes at Meydan.

- **STARR OF QUALITY**: This 11-year-old stakes winner of \$307,529, already the dam of stakes winner FULMINEO (earner of \$283,275 and pointing for Pimlico's Preakness Meet stakes) returned from Kentucky in foal to 2022 Champion 2-year-old colt FORTE.



Fifteen Royals and her Maximus Mischief colt



Maybe I Will and her Bolt d'Oro colt



Miss Nondescript and her Mandaloun filly

March Foals
(click on picture for link to gallery)

Oh What A Delite -
Blofeld filly

March 7th 2025 at 12:11 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Wendy Komlo

In It For The Gold -
Mandaloun filly

March 12th 2025 at 10:22 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Country Life Farm & In It
For the Gold Broodmare LLC**

Zekara -
Cairo Prince filly

March 13th 2025 at 4:15 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles Parker (Barak
Farm) & Dean Barber (Dino's
Thoroughbreds LLC)**

Writing -
Friesan Fire colt

March 14th 2025 at 12:40 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles & Theresa
Freeland**

Poronui -
Mendelssohn filly
March 14th 2025 at 4:09 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Charles Parker (Barak Farm)

Bells Of War -
Tiz The Law colt
March 15th 2025 at 10:55 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Marie Trombetta & Todd Mostoller (Commonwealth New Era Racing)

Combat Queen -
Vekoma filly
March 17th 2025 at 8:44 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm & Combat Queen Broodmare LLC

Rotate -
Mosler colt
March 18th 2025 at 9:44 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Adele Dischneider

**Yougottabekitten -
Mitole filly**

March 19th 2025 at 11:00 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Mike Samotowka

**Glackety -
Dialed In filly**

March 20th 2025 at 6:31 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

**Bred by Charles Parker (Barak
Farm)**

**Conjecture -
Divining Rod filly**

March 25th 2025 at 6:10 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Dan Eubanks

**Palace Lush -
Mosler filly**

March 27th 2025 at 11:45 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Dan Eubanks

Fifteen Moons -
Known Agenda filly
March 28th 2025 at 10:31 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bred by Country Life Farm &
Fifteen Moons Broodmare LLC

Foaling Webcam

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

DIVINE CHILD: 3/7 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm, Sue Ann Mancilla & Susan Scheffres; owner Susan Scheffres and Sue Mancilla; trainer Carlos Mancilla)

DIVINING SMILE: 3/8 at LRL, Maiden (breeder James B. Steele; owner James H. Cronk; trainer Donovan Haughton)

STICKWITHTHECOLORS: 3/8 at LRL, \$75,000 Conniver Stakes (breeder/owner John E. Williamson III; trainer John Salzman, Jr.)

DIVINE WORKS: 3/15 at CNL, Maiden (breeder Katharine M. Voss; owner Country Life Farm & Divine Works LLC; trainer Michael Trombetta)

MR. MOX: 3/20 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Mrs. Glennie Martin; owner Larry N. Brafman; trainer David Walters)

BREAKING RULES: 3/20 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owner Oswald H. Redman; trainer Michael Jones, Jr.)

SIPPIN' TIME: 3/22 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Franklin G. Smith, Sr.; owner/trainer Jason D. Smith)

STRAIGHT TO WATER: 3/30 at LRL, Maiden (breeder George Louis Doetsch, Jr.; owner Linda Albert et al; trainer Linda Albert)

MOSLER

SAPPHIRE BEAUTY: 3/2 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Rock Sapphire LLC; owner B and C Stable; trainer Charles Frock)

CAN DO: 3/9 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Bell Gable Stable; owner Sheffield Stable LLC; trainer Kieron Magee)

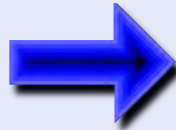
SAFE TRUST: 3/22 at LRL, \$100,000 Beyond the Wire Stakes (breeder/owner Barak Farm; trainer Jose Corrales)

FRIESAN FIRE

EMBERLY: 3/6 at CT, Claiming (breeder Nancy Camp; owner Bush Racing Stable; trainer Anthony Farris)

PASSION RULES: 3/14 at OP, Allowance (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owner Calumet Farm; trainer Brad Cox)

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