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## New Level

Trainer Butch Reid  
at Gulfstream Park

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BY BOB EHALT

### Vequist raises the national profile of trainer Butch Reid

**IT WAS LATE DECEMBER** when Dr. Whitney Reid Fink heard someone mention the Breeders' Cup, and her mind played a trick on her.

As she reflected on that Nov. 6 afternoon at Keeneland, much of the day was a blur.

"It was such a whirlwind experience," she said. "It happened so fast, I couldn't really focus on an individual moment."

So, the 30-year-old third-year resident physician at Children's Hospital of

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>BIG BROWN</b> (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	131/56	2/5	1/2	(Somelikeithotbrown, \$277,860)	<b>\$2,726,886</b>	*818	26	1.04	1.44
2	<b>CENTRAL BANKER</b> (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	105/48	4/4	3/4	(Bankit, \$278,850)	<b>\$2,572,642</b>	175	6	1.34	1.19
3	<b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	101/34	5/6	3/5	(Dot Matrix, \$181,250)	<b>\$2,058,604</b>	*1338	54	1.47	1.22
4	<b>MISSION IMPAZIBLE</b> (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$2,500	93/43	3/3	3/3	(Dream Bigger, \$106,350)	<b>\$1,682,597</b>	237	7	1.11	1.18
5	<b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	115/46	0/0	0/0	(Hell N Wild, \$138,945)	<b>\$1,532,338</b>	*706	32	1.13	1.23
6	<b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	58/28	2/2	1/2	(Jakarta, \$245,727)	<b>\$1,480,382</b>	233	10	1.33	1.29
7	<b>COURAGEOUS CAT</b> (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	73/24	0/0	0/0	(Our Last Buck, \$164,080)	<b>\$957,514</b>	219	7	0.89	1.06
8	<b>GIANT SURPRISE</b> (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	37/20	0/0	0/0	(Groovy Surprise, \$78,125)	<b>\$661,714</b>	115	2	1.30	1.23
9	<b>MICROMANAGE</b> (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	32/14	0/0	0/0	(Microsecond, \$120,940)	<b>\$521,337</b>	56	0	0.75	1.30
10	<b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	36/15	0/0	0/0	(The Great Johanna, \$95,219)	<b>\$491,469</b>	164	4	1.15	1.05
11	<b>WAR DANCER</b> (10, War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$7,500	28/5	1/1	0/1	(Step Dancer, \$96,100)	<b>\$438,245</b>	68	1	0.81	1.25
12	<b>HONORABLE DILLON</b> (10, Tapit)	N/A	50/10	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Debate, \$56,880)	<b>\$426,042</b>	104	0	0.54	1.07
13	<b>BANK HEIST</b> (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	28/9	0/0	0/0	(Robber Bob, \$52,070)	<b>\$363,914</b>	91	1	0.78	1.28
14	<b>SOARING EMPIRE</b> (07, Empire Maker)	Died, 2018	23/12	0/0	0/0	(Reason to Soar, \$57,542)	<b>\$338,515</b>	73	0	0.86	1.08
15	<b>MAJESTIC CITY</b> (09, City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	32/5	0/0	0/0	(The Important One, \$75,515)	<b>\$311,256</b>	55	0	0.54	1.06
16	<b>A SHIN FORWARD</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Ryuno Center, \$102,970)	<b>\$274,260</b>	34	0	0.55	0.82
17	<b>SLUMBER (GB)</b> (08, Cacique), Rockridge Stud	Private	6/1	1/2	0/1	(Fluffy Socks, \$226,880)	<b>\$247,850</b>	16	1	2.14	0.79
18	<b>GOLDEN TICKET</b> (09, Speightstown)	Pnsd	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Bayou Bougie, \$43,250)	<b>\$187,645</b>	44	0	0.36	0.80
19	<b>EFFINEX</b> (11, Mineshaft)	Died, 2017	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Effinity, \$46,950)	<b>\$162,871</b>	50	0	0.47	0.95
20	<b>ENCAUSTIC</b> (04, Broad Brush), Foggy Bottom Farm	Private	19/4	0/0	0/0	(It's Your Call, \$45,781)	<b>\$154,915</b>	51	0	0.44	0.69

Philadelphia watched a video of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1), and all of the emotions came back to her with the same overpowering force as a month earlier.

"I'm sitting in my kitchen watching the video by myself," Fink said, "and there are tears in my eyes."

Fink's emotions stemmed from being the daughter of trainer Robert "Butch" Reid and knowing all of the hard work and sacrifice by her father and mother, Virginia, over the course of the last four decades that were finally and fittingly rewarded when Vequist captured the Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland.

"It was such an emotional experience because my dad has had such a long and successful career but not at that level. It was overwhelming for me because my

mom and dad are the most honest people I know," Fink said. "They have a successful business, and I know everything they did and all of the work was to support me in my endeavors. So, whenever they have a success like that, it makes me emotional and proud. They truly deserve it."

In a training career that goes back to the days of the Ronald Reagan presidency in about 1984, 64-year-old Butch Reid has won 796 races and compiled earnings of more than \$26.9 million with 47 stakes wins. In that time, while traveling to seasonal circuits along the East Coast, he trained some top-class runners such as the grade 1 winner Poseidon's Warrior and Breeders' Cup Marathon (G2) victor Afleet Again as well as the multiple graded stakes winner Groscar.

Just two years ago he appeared to have a bona fide Triple Crown candidate in Remsen Stakes (G2) winner Maximus Mischief until a soft tissue injury ended the colt's career in the early spring of his 3-year-old season.

Yet, it wasn't until Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable, and Tom and Sue McGrath's Swilcan Stable's 2-year-old filly Vequist surged to a decisive two-length victory over Day-out-of-the-office in the \$2 million Juvenile Fillies that the Parx Racing-based trainer notched his initial grade 1 win at the World Championships. Moreover, in January he is an odds-on favorite to be named as the trainer of an Eclipse Award winner for the first time.

"To win a race with that much prestige was fantastic," Reid said. "It was such an incredible day to share with my family."



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Vequist, left, at Keeneland for the Breeders' Cup, and right, winning the Juvenile Fillies



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1	<b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2019	153/69	2/2	2/2	(Galerio, \$229,425)	<b>\$3,211,426</b>	*1456	53	1.39	1.26
2	<b>WARRIOR'S REWARD</b> (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	\$5,000	155/81	5/6	4/5	(Night Ops, \$334,000)	<b>\$2,956,485</b>	*611	20	1.02	1.32
3	<b>WICKED STRONG</b> (11, Hard Spun), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	143/59	3/4	0/3	(Evil Lyn, \$199,534)	<b>\$2,394,443</b>	*223	3	0.90	1.31
4	<b>EL PADRINO</b> (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	86/39	3/4	1/3	(Whereshetoldmetogo, \$151,625)	<b>\$2,125,319</b>	187	4	1.31	1.25
5	<b>FLASHBACK</b> (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm	\$3,500	121/58	1/1	1/1	(All West, \$97,558)	<b>\$2,121,388</b>	227	2	1.01	1.53
6	<b>POSEIDON'S WARRIOR</b> (08, Speightstown), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$5,000	95/45	1/3	0/1	(Firenze Fire, \$545,100)	<b>\$1,966,954</b>	*219	2	0.98	1.08
7	<b>BOISTEROUS</b> (07, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$3,000	60/27	1/1	1/1	(California Kook, \$163,860)	<b>\$1,119,968</b>	115	2	0.86	1.06
8	<b>SMARTY JONES</b> (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	57/20	0/0	0/0	(Dreams Untold, \$146,400)	<b>\$979,210</b>	*814	27	1.35	1.66
9	<b>TALENT SEARCH</b> (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	42/19	0/0	0/0	(Final Shot, \$114,919)	<b>\$809,458</b>	*168	3	1.03	1.17
10	<b>WEIGELIA</b> (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	Private	46/21	0/0	0/0	(Smooth B, \$69,110)	<b>\$723,813</b>	*155	7	1.37	1.07
11	<b>ICE BOX</b> (07, Pulpit)	N/A	70/32	0/0	0/0	(Its Cold in Dehere, \$86,069)	<b>\$696,322</b>	298	2	0.62	0.97
12	<b>UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN</b> (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$7,500	28/9	2/3	2/2	(Wait for It, \$208,610)	<b>\$690,885</b>	61	4	1.77	0.97
13	<b>DESERT PARTY</b> (06, Street Cry), Godstone Farm	\$2,500	46/18	0/0	0/0	(Qian B C, \$47,785)	<b>\$557,700</b>	248	6	0.93	1.28
14	<b>NORMANDY INVASION</b> (10, Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Pnsd	38/11	0/0	0/0	(Ron Don Scorese, \$51,042)	<b>\$416,847</b>	70	0	0.48	1.18
15	<b>ALBERT THE GREAT</b> (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	21/9	0/0	0/0	(Geebert, \$82,725)	<b>\$415,690</b>	*413	9	1.09	1.09

For Reid, Vequist has generated the kind of notoriety on a national stage that has eluded him since the days of the 1970s when he and his brother Mark (a trainer with 1,796 wins to his credit), worked for trainer Dick Dutrow. It moved into the background through decades of pulling up roots several times a year while operating his stable in New York, the Mid-Atlantic region, and Florida. Those days were not easy for him or his family.

"This family has been through the ups and downs of this job and the stress of moving," Reid said, "but we've been able to main-

tain an even keel, which is the important thing."

Fink said she attended eight different schools before entering college, and Reid was frequently told by school officials how such a lifestyle would negatively impact his daughter. Yet seeing how Fink is poised to begin a three-year fellowship with the goal of being a pediatric immunologist and Reid's career is now at its zenith vividly reflects the family's resiliency.

"It was always the three of us. I've lived with my parents in every state on the East Coast with racing, and it's helped me to become more outgoing," Fink said. "It is just amazing that my dad has gotten a break like this and that he could be the trainer of a champion. It's been a long time coming."

Having Vequist in his barn required a couple of fortunate turns of fate for Reid.

The daughter of Nyquist was bred by the McGraths' Swilcan Stable out of the Mineshaft mare Vero Amore, who was second for McGrath and Reid in the 2014 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2).

Though Vequist showed potential in her early days at the farm, McGrath entered her in the 2019 Keeneland September yearling sale but brought her home when there was no serious interest in her (she RNA'd at \$135,000 from the Brookdale Sales consignment).

"She didn't bring the price we wanted," said Reid, whose career started at Monmouth Park with a string of three horses from his bother and took off in the late 1980s when owner Sidney Baer gave him 18 horses. "A lot of people looked at her, but no one vetted her. There was something people didn't like, though I don't know what it was. Thank God we were able to keep her."


McGrath then pondered entering her in a 2-year-old sale, but some advice from Barry Eisaman, who raised the filly on his Florida farm, convinced him to keep her.

"Barry is a man of few words, and he told us she's a tall, gangly filly, but when she puts things together, she could be something special," Reid said. "He said, 'I think you want to hold on to her.' Fortunately, he was correct."

Once Vequist arrived at Reid's barn at Parx, it didn't take long for him to see everything Eisaman loved in the young filly.

In plotting her career, Reid considered running her at Saratoga Race Course but opted for a July 29 4½-furlong maiden race at Parx, knowing it was too short of a distance for a filly with her pedigree.

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$7,500	92/42	6/7	6/6	(Karan's Notion, \$173,131)	<b>\$2,376,175</b>	389	26	1.49	1.21
2	<b>GOLDEN LAD</b> (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	54/23	2/3	0/2	(Air Token, \$169,647)	<b>\$1,612,218</b>	113	3	1.52	1.32
3	<b>FRIESAN FIRE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	75/31	2/2	2/2	(Fiya, \$171,526)	<b>\$1,448,579</b>	232	8	1.16	1.24
4	<b>BANDBOX</b> (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	47/28	1/1	1/1	(Artful Splatter, \$188,717)	<b>\$1,419,359</b>	85	2	1.36	1.28
5	<b>BOURBON COURAGE</b> (09, Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm	\$2,000	47/22	1/2	0/1	(Double Crown, \$150,625)	<b>\$1,175,523</b>	88	2	1.20	1.11
6	<b>SEVILLE (GER)</b> (08, Galileo)	Died, 2017	84/23	0/0	0/0	(O K Game On, \$120,535)	<b>\$1,065,696</b>	*205	2	0.60	1.24
7	<b>SUPER NINETY NINE</b> (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$2,000	55/25	0/0	0/0	(Breviary, \$95,194)	<b>\$1,048,122</b>	88	0	1.00	1.34
8	<b>STREET MAGICIAN</b> (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Stndg at Roland Farm	\$2,000	43/15	2/4	0/2	(Street Lute, \$290,220)	<b>\$1,011,377</b>	143	6	1.11	1.27
9	<b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore)	Pnsd	54/26	0/0	0/0	(Cannon's Roar, \$105,353)	<b>\$975,817</b>	*863	32	1.22	1.54
10	<b>IMAGINING</b> (08, Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm	\$2,000	46/13	1/1	1/1	(Monday Morning Qb, \$140,155)	<b>\$866,610</b>	94	1	0.97	1.36
11	<b>MOSLER</b> (11, War Front), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	25/10	1/1	1/1	(Miss Nondescript, \$84,090)	<b>\$445,472</b>	71	1	0.91	1.32
12	<b>NICANOR</b> (06, Dynaformer)	Pnsd	19/10	0/0	0/0	(Seany P, \$115,075)	<b>\$406,315</b>	44	0	0.79	1.04
13	<b>BUFFUM</b> (08, Bernardini)	Died, 2019	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Starting Tour, \$61,299)	<b>\$393,546</b>	33	2	1.43	1.23
14	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold)	Pnsd	24/13	0/0	0/0	(Graves Island, \$67,679)	<b>\$391,101</b>	*762	42	1.25	1.28
15	<b>TRITAP</b> (09, Tapit)	Died, 2016	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Tap the Mark, \$86,565)	<b>\$372,231</b>	41	1	1.21	1.35

Despite the lack of ground, Vequist showed enough speed to press the pace throughout and wound up finishing second by a nose.

Yet much more than a promising debut effort came out of the race. In covering the distance in :51½, Vequist earned a Ragozin Speed Figure of 12, which caught the eye of Adam Wachtel, who relies on those numbers to team with fellow owner Gary Barber to make private purchases of horses with an alluring upside.

"We were doing our review of horses' Ragozin figures, and she ran a huge number. It was the second or third fastest figure for a 2-year-old filly," Wachtel said. "It looked like Nyquist was off to a good



Reid and family, left, in the Breder's Cup winner's circle

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1	<b>FIBER SONDE</b> (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	96/53	8/12	8/8	(Chief Randel, \$191,336)	<b>\$2,457,512</b>	278	18	1.34	0.80	
2	<b>WINDSOR CASTLE</b> (98, Lord Carson)	N/A	75/34	1/1	1/1	(V. I. P. Ticket, \$97,048)	<b>\$1,418,929</b>	388	16	1.00	1.00	
3	<b>DESPITE THE ODDS</b> (06, Speightstown), Bybee Road Farm on Avonwood	\$1,500	48/26	0/0	0/0	(Odd Gal, \$120,844)	<b>\$1,113,294</b>	79	0	1.06	1.20	
4	<b>CHARITABLE MAN</b> (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	66/33	0/0	0/0	(Charitable Spenny, \$69,708)	<b>\$1,105,558</b>	190	2	0.84	1.03	
5	<b>LIMEHOUSE</b> (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	61/26	0/0	0/0	(Lymebyrd, \$37,056)	<b>\$676,784</b>	*477	23	1.11	1.11	
6	<b>EXCLUSIVE QUALITY</b> (03, Elusive Quality)	Died	44/24	0/0	0/0	(Tomarie, \$74,692)	<b>\$593,331</b>	352	7	0.88	1.05	
7	<b>MACHEN</b> (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	35/21	0/0	0/0	(Soul Machen, \$56,019)	<b>\$543,471</b>	81	0	0.67	0.76	
8	<b>DENIS OF CORK</b> (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	29/15	0/0	0/0	(Cameron Street, \$41,644)	<b>\$342,834</b>	*141	6	0.70	1.01	
9	<b>BULLSBAY</b> (04, Tiznow), Pellinor Lane	\$1,500	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Maythehorsewithu, \$76,215)	<b>\$287,320</b>	110	3	1.05	1.18	
10	<b>SWISS YODELER</b> (94, Eastern Echo)	N/A	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Alpine Moon, \$49,667)	<b>\$243,108</b>	788	15	0.96	1.02	
11	<b>OFFICER ROCKET (GB)</b> (04, Officer)	Died, 2019	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Appeal, \$40,125)	<b>\$237,340</b>	43	0	0.69	0.63	
12	<b>CAPO BASTONE</b> (10, Street Boss), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	19/10	0/0	0/0	(Katzarelli, \$41,930)	<b>\$225,163</b>	35	0	0.85	1.27	
13	<b>MASTER RICK</b> (09, Master Command)	N/A	10/8	0/0	0/0	(J J Wedgit Man, \$53,372)	<b>\$215,573</b>	26	0	0.55	0.83	
14	<b>JUBA</b> (11, Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$1,500	10/5	1/1	1/1	(Hopping Henry, \$52,570)	<b>\$191,732</b>	24	1	0.98	1.28	
15	<b>GATTOPARDO</b> (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Unaquoi, \$65,672)	<b>\$183,215</b>	38	1	1.05	0.76	

start as a stallion, and we were comfortable with that. I looked on the dam side and saw Butch trained her and she was a nice distance mare. We felt between Nyquist and the dam maybe this is a two-turn horse.”

Wachtel and Barber approached McGrath about purchasing Vequist, but there was one sticking point. McGrath insisted on keeping Reid as her trainer.

“I’ve been with Butch about 12 years, and he’s done a fantastic job for me,” said McGrath, who has four horses in training, all with Reid. “I always appreciated Butch’s training abilities. He cares about the horses and puts them first. They are well-cared for. The proof is in the pudding with Vequist. Over the years we’ve become friends, and as long as I’m involved in the sport, I’ll have Butch as my trainer.”

Wachtel did not know much about Reid, so he did some homework and liked what he found out.

“We were told the way to get the deal done was to keep Butch,” Wachtel said. “The big part for us was deciding if we wanted to do a deal where we keep a trainer we don’t really know. So I asked people about him, and everyone said he was a very good horseman, very shrewd. He has a small operation with his wife, and they do a real good job. They thought I would like him. I called him. We had a good talk, and I told Gary why don’t we give him a chance.”



Reid-trained Poseidon's Warrior winning the grade 1 Vanderbilt at Saratoga in 2012

Most times, Wachtel and Barber would send a new acquisition to Bill Mott or Mark Casse, a pair of Hall of Fame trainers. Yet they agreed to allow McGrath to stay on with a 25% share of the filly, and kept her in Reid’s barn, mirroring a move that had worked out well a year earlier when they bought into Shotski, kept Jeremiah O’Dwyer as the trainer, and were rewarded with a victory in the Remsen Stakes (G2).

It didn’t take long for the purchase to

pay a dividend as Reid heeded Wachtel and Barber’s advice and ran the maiden filly in the Spinaway Stakes (G1) at Saratoga. Vequist exceeded expectations by capturing the prestigious Spa stakes by 9½ lengths at 6-1 odds for Reid’s first grade 1 win in eight years.

“It’s a rare opportunity to stay with a filly like this, especially for a guy from Parx,” Reid said. “Usually when the big guys from California and New York come in, it’s a one-way ticket out for the trainer,

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2020 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>HEY CHUB</b> (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$1,000	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Windixewin, \$61,963)	<b>\$451,791</b>	50	3	1.62	1.46
2	<b>IL POSTINO</b> (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Postino's Vow, \$75,400)	<b>\$294,331</b>	18	0	1.17	0.82
3	<b>DON SIX</b> (00, Wild Escapade)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Don, \$61,125)	<b>\$246,734</b>	94	3	1.14	1.29
4	<b>KING PUMA</b> (06, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Love Is Your Name, \$102,225)	<b>\$211,595</b>	28	0	1.13	1.46

but Gary and Adam have been fantastic with me. I'm glad I could reward them."

After a runner-up finish behind Dayoutoftheoffice in the Frizette Stakes (G1), a race in which Reid believes breaking from the rail worked against Vequist, the next stop was Keeneland for the Breeders' Cup, where the family aspect of the stable came to the fore.

When Reid shipped Vequist to Kentucky about two weeks before the Juvenile Fillies, it was his wife, Virginia, who traveled with her and spent each day before the race rubbing legs and walking the filly to prepare her for the race.

"She did a great job with Vequist," Reid said.

Like her husband, "Ginny" Reid has spent much of her life around horses. As a teen, she worked for trainer Lucien Laurin and was a hotwalker for the immortal Secretariat. After she met and married Reid, she became a combination assistant trainer/exercise rider for the stable, who reluctantly relinquished her riding duties only a few years ago.

"Mom worked horses for my dad for 35 years, and she only stopped because we made her stop after she broke her back in two places," Fink said. "If we hadn't stopped her, she would still be out there."

When race day arrived, all three members of the Reid family were on hand at Keeneland.

"There was no way I was going to miss the Breeders' Cup," Fink said. "It was a surreal experience."

They were treated to a momentous victory by Vequist, who avenged her loss to Dayoutoftheoffice and allowed the Reids and McGrath to savor a moment that was a dream come true for people rarely seen on the sport's biggest stage.

"In a year like this one, it's special," McGrath said. "We are small scale as breeders and owners, and both the big players and



Reid with Afleet Again after winning the 2011 Breeders' Cup Marathon

the small players were impacted across the board. It's a feel-good story to be where we were in the spring and to wind up with a champion."

For Reid, there was special satisfaction in accounting for the third straight year in which a Parx-based horse has triumphed at the World Championships.

"I'm glad we kept the Parx streak alive at the Breeders' Cup. Believe it or not, there are people outside of New York and Kentucky who know how to train racehorses," said Reid, who settled at Parx after the 2009 opening of its casino. "It's a matter of having the right clients who will go to the sales and give you good horses. I believe Parx is one of the best opportunities for horsemen. We have a pension, health insurance, help with workman's compensation, and year-round racing; and it allows me to stay in the Philadelphia area all year. The situation they present for horsemen is the best in the country, in my opinion. It's worked out very well being here."

Reid will be spending some time in

Florida this winter, preparing Vequist for a 3-year-old campaign that is expected to start Feb. 27 in the Davona Dale Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream Park with the long-range goal of the April 30 Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1).

As busy as Vequist keeps him, Reid will have longer and more hectic days in the spring and summer. While he normally has a stable of about 20, Reid expects to have 40 horses once a new crop of 2-year-olds arrives. After four decades of working outside of the spotlight, thanks to Vequist, more people than ever have become aware of the quality work done by Reid year-in and year-out and have sent him horses.

"When babies come in, it will be as big a group of horses as we've ever had," Reid said. "Vequist has taken the stable to a new level. You have to prove to people that you can do the job as good or even better than anyone else, and we did that this year." **BH**

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