

WILDNCRAZYNIGHT

Bay gelding by Midnight Lute – Proud to be Wild by Wild Heir

Breeder: New Farm (New Jersey)
This horse was a private purchase

Birth date: April 22, 2022

Owner: Flurry Racing Stables
Trainer: Dan Ward
Jockey: Isaac Castillo

Lifetime Record: 10 2-3-1
Lifetime Earnings: \$182,837

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- Was the runner-up to fellow Haskell competitor Bracket Buster in the NYRA Bets Pegasus Stakes (Listed) by seven lengths at Monmouth Park June 14 at 1 1/16 miles in the final local Haskell prep.
- Showed an affinity for the Monmouth strip when he took a six-furlong allowance race here on May 25.
- Stretching out to 1 1/8 miles and stepping up into graded stakes company for the first time.
- Would be only the second New Jersey-bred to win the Haskell (Thanks to Tony, 1980).

BREEDING

- Wildncrazynight is by crackerjack sprinter Midnight Lute.
- Midnight Lute won the Breeders' Cup Sprint (Grade 1) in back-to-back years (2007-2008). His 2007 victory was at Monmouth Park.
- He was the Eclipse Award-winning Male Sprinter in 2007.
- Midnight Lute set a track record for seven furlongs in a Grade 3 stakes at Keeneland and he set the Forego (Grade 1) stakes record for seven furlongs at Saratoga.

- Midnight Lute sired multiple Grade 1 winner and champion Midnight Bisou, who won the 2019 Molly Pitcher (Grade 3) at Monmouth Park and was the adjudged winner of the \$20 million Saudi Cup (G1) in 2020.
- Wildncrazynight also has stamina in his pedigree as his paternal grandsire is Real Quiet, who won the 1998 Kentucky Derby (Grade 1) and Preakness (Grade 1) and ran second in the Belmont (Grade 1) at 1½ miles.
- He is a multi-generational product of prominent New Jersey horseman Everett “Ebby” Novak’s successful New Farm breeding program.
- His dam, Proud to Be Wild, and maternal grandsire Wildcat Heir are also Novak homebreds.
- Wildcat Heir was a Grade 1-winning sprinter.
- Wildcat Heir took the 2004 Icecapade Stakes and the 2005 Teddy Drone at Monmouth. Both were six furlong stakes.
- Proud to be Wild won twice in 11 starts and was primarily a sprinter.
- Wildncrazynight is her sixth foal and two are unraced.

FLURRY RACING STABLES

- Staton Flurry, 34, is the owner.
- The Hot Springs, Arkansas native grew up on the street adjacent to Oaklawn Park and his family owns several of the parking lots surrounding the racetrack/casino/hotel property.
- He acquired his first horse, a \$12,500 claimer, at Oaklawn in 2012 shortly before he graduated from Henderson State University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration.
- He was co-owner of three-time Grade 1 winner and 2020 Kentucky Oaks victress Shedaresthedevil.
- Also owned multiple graded stakes winners Mr. Misunderstood and Interstatedaydream.
- Perennially among Oaklawn’s top owners.
- Another of his passions is auto racing. He designed his silks, which have black and white checkered sleeves.
- Serves on the Arkansas HBPA board of directors.

DAN WARD

- Age 66
- Haskell record: First starter
- Went out on his own in July 2023 after spending four decades as the assistant to Hall of Famers Bobby Frankel and Jerry Hollendorfer.
- When Hollendorfer transferred 29 horses to him he hung out his shingle and then expanded his stable. Prior to that, while overseeing Hollendorfer's division at Monmouth Park, he saddled Antigravity in the 2021 Haskell. Antigravity finished fourth and was placed third following the disqualification of Hot Rod Charlie.
- The Southern California native, who was born in Pasadena and grew up in San Diego, is based at Monmouth Park in the summers and Oaklawn Park in the winter and spring months.
- Ward started out as a hot walker and advanced through the ranks to groom, foreman, and assistant.
- In his 17 years with Frankel and then many more with Hollendorfer he had a hands-on role with future Hall of Famers, champions, Breeders' Cup winners, three Kentucky Oaks winners, and multiple Grade 1 winners.
- Many of those horses are some of the most important and accomplished of this era and include Ghostzapper, Songbird, Medaglia d'Oro, and Blind Luck.

ISAAC CASTILLO

- Born April 10, 1998 in Darien, Panama
- Haskell record: 1 0-0-0
- When he rode Basso in the 2021 Haskell (5th) it was his second mount in a Grade 1 race. His first was in the United Nations (Grade 1) earlier on the card.
- Grew up in the same hometown as 2003 Eclipse Award-winning Apprentice Jockey Eddie Castro, whom he calls an inspiration.
- 2014 graduate of the Laffit Pincay, Jr. Jockey School in his native country. Began his career there.
- Moved to the U.S. in December of 2016 and had only two mounts.
- Finished in the top 10 in the rider standings at Monmouth in 2020. Exceeded his win total from the 2019 season with 64 fewer mounts.

- Ranked second at Monmouth in 2021 with 40 victories. Has finished in the top 10 in the Monmouth Park standings each year since.
- Won his first stakes in the Regret at Monmouth on Bronx Beauty Sept. 13, 2020; his first graded stakes mount was in Monmouth's Red Bank (Grade 3) Sept. 5, 2020.
- Journeyman is graded stakes placed. Has also been a member of the colonies at Aqueduct, Oaklawn, and Remington for recent meets.
- Notched his first three-win day Aug. 22, 2020.