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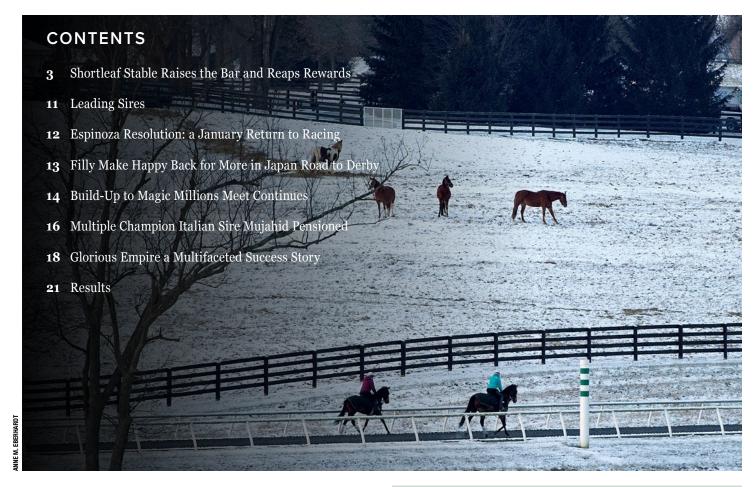
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SHORTLEAF STABLE RAISES THE BAR AND REAPS REWARDS

By Robert Yates

The green bar graph on Equibase's owner profile of Shortleaf Stable is the most striking example of what John Ed Anthony has accomplished in 2018.

The statistical layout is fitting, too.

The color could represent the shortleaf pine, a species native to south Arkansas, where Anthony, 79, was born, raised, and helped cultivate his family's vast timber interests.

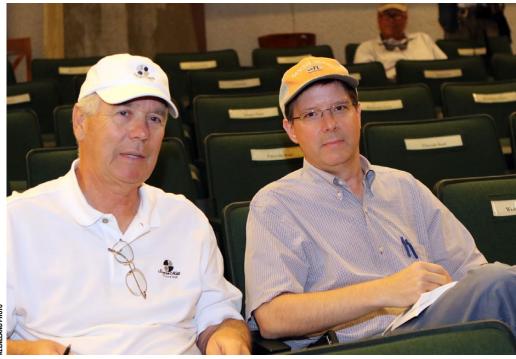
And like the tallest tree in the forest, that last bar towers over 18 others to the left, dating to 2000, in the annual breakdown of purse earnings compiled by racing's official data gathering organization.

While Shortleaf has yet to reach heights of its predecessor, Anthony's Loblolly Stable, it ranked 55th nationally this year (\$1,519,759) and won 26 races, including four stakes, through Tuesday.

All three figures represent high-water marks, since at least 2000, for Shortleaf, which was formed after Anthony and ex-wife Mary Lynn Dudley phased out their nationally prominent Loblolly racing and breeding operation in the mid-1990s.

Shortleaf's previous best year for purse earnings (\$699,213) occurred in 2017.

"The only deficiency in our program this year is we've had some good horses and won some nice races, but we haven't won any



(L-R): John Gasper and John Ed Anthony's son Ed Anthony at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale

top races and haven't had anybody competing in the grade 1's or in classics, which is always the target that you would like to participate in and be a part of," said Anthony,



I feel like we're in good hands across the board ... It takes a while to get the team together and get everything going your way."

-JOHN ED ANTHONY

a Hot Springs, Ark., resident and chairman of Anthony Timberlands. "But we have had a better year than the previous several, which were rather blah, I guess you could say."

Emphasizing Arkansas and New

York, Loblolly was a major player from the late 1970s into the early 1990s, with its chocolate brown and yellow silks carried by Eclipse Award winners Temperence Hill (3-year-old male of 1980), Vanlandingham (older male of 1985) and Prairie Bayou (3-yearold male of 1993), classic winners Temperence Hill (Belmont Stakes (G1)), Pine Bluff (1992 Preakness Stakes (G1)), and Prairie Bayou (Preakness) and grade 1 winners like Cox's Ridge, Little Missouri, Demons Begone, De Roche, and Lost Mountain.

Loblolly's first "big horse" was Cox's Ridge, who, carrying 130 pounds, won the prestigious Metropolitan Handicap (G1) in 1978 at Belmont Park.

Loblolly—named for another species of south Arkansas pine ranked fourth nationally in purse earnings in 1993 (\$3,301,307) after

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winning 50 of 204 starts. Conversely, Shortleaf won two races and generated only \$47,300 in 2005.

Five years later, Anthony said he and son Ed, a pedigree and bloodstock analyst, began a stable reboot by increasing numbers through more activity at highend yearling sales and building a youthful broodmare band. They eventually tapped 30-something trainers Brad Cox and Will VanMeter to develop that talent.

"I feel like we're in good hands across the board," John Ed Anthony said. "Brad Cox and Will VanMeter have turned out to be fine young men that are good trainers, attentive, and getting the job done. It's a combination of factors. It takes a while to get the team together and get everything going your way."

Other members of Shortleaf's 2018 inner circle, Anthony said, are John Gasper (advisor/racing manager); retired equine veterinarian Gary Lavin, whose Longfield Farm near Goshen, Ky., was once home to Loblolly's powerful breeding operation; Arthur Hancock, president of Stone Farm in Paris Ky.; and top Arkansas breeder Bill McDowell.

"We've got a pretty good team of solid players that have been in the industry a long, long time," Anthony said.

Anthony said Shortleaf keeps "13 or 14" mares at Stone Farm and an "additional "10 or so" at McDowell Farm near Sparkman, Ark., where he also stands two stallions—Double Irish, an unraced son of Tapit, and stakes-placed Tekton.

Shortleaf's overall numbers are more robust than previous years, Anthony said, and the goal is "to try to bring a crop of 18 to 20" (a mix of homebreds and sales yearlings) to the races each year. Anthony purchased a son of Pioneerof the Nile for a sale-record \$600,000 at Fasig-Tipton's New York-bred Preferred Yearling Sale on Aug. 12.

Still, Anthony said racing's landscape today isn't like the 1980s, when Loblolly was gobbling up stakes across the country.

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"What I recall most is that all of our horses were medication free," Anthony said. "There was no Lasix, and controls in New York and in Arkansas throughout the early stages of Loblolly were all relatively drug free periods. Only now where medication has gotten so permissive that racing seems to be somewhat different than it was in the old days."

Shortleaf's biggest moment in 2018 occurred when Plainsman won the \$186,600 Discovery Stakes (G3) for 3-year-olds Nov. 24 at Aqueduct Racetrack.

Anthony said the Discovery marked his first stakes victory in New York since Clark Street, a Shortleaf homebred by Cox's Ridge, captured the Demoiselle (G2) for 2-year-old fillies in 1997 at Aqueduct.

Oaklawn may be Anthony's home track, but he still considers New York racing's epicenter.

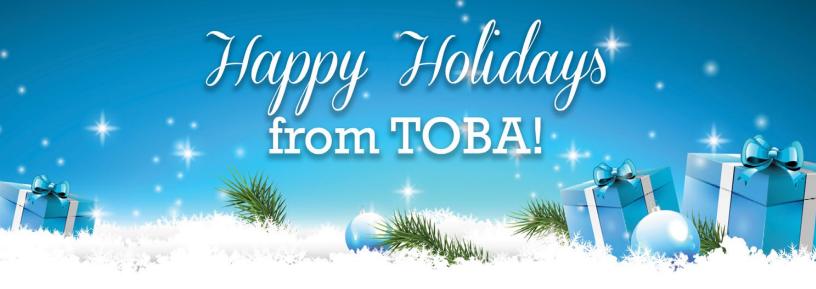
"I've always felt, and I believe it's been confirmed by the industry over the years, that New

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The son of Pioneerof the Nile purchased by Anthony for a sale-record \$600,000 at Fasig-Tipton's New York-bred Preferred Yearling Sale





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York racing is the best racing, in my view, in the world," Anthony said.

Anthony purchased Plainsman, a son of Flatter, for \$350,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. A \$230,000 purchase at the same sale, High North provided Shortleaf with victories in the \$150,000 Northern Spur Stakes on April 14 at Oaklawn Park and the \$250,000 Iowa Derby on July 6 at Prairie Meadows.

Both Plainsman and High North are trained by Cox, 38, who has rocketed to stardom in the last two years.

Dutch Parrot, a Shortleaf homebred trained by VanMeter, won the \$200,000 Lady Jacqueline Stakes Aug. 18 at JACK Thistledown Racino.

A 4-year-old daughter of Eskendereya, Dutch Parrot has bankrolled \$388,607 in a 20-race career, leaving her \$114,939 away from becoming the leading Arkansas-bred female money winner in history.

VanMeter, 35, has worked for Anthony since the 2016 Oaklawn meeting and calls training for Shortleaf "one of the most important jobs in the training business," noting the owner's deep roots in racing, and beyond.

Anthony's grandfather, Garland Anthony, was a legendary figure in the Arkansas forestry industry and billed the country's largest independent lumber producer in the 1930s.

"On the face of it, you have nearly a 50-year history, as far as the racing stable is concerned, and that brings its own romance to the table," VanMeter said. "I think the stable represents the south forests of Arkansas. I think it represents Garland Anthony. I think it represents his foresight. And although it's been John Ed Anthony's baby, it's really neat to represent that history. I think as the stable does well, I think a lot of Arkansans can identify and root for them." BH

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1	Kitten's Joy, '01, (El Prado) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$75,000	374 / 175	17 / 35	9	3	1.86	Hawkbill \$3,929,935	\$18,474,838
2	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, \$80,000	230 / 126	16 / 29	10	4	2.11	Gun Runner \$7,000,000	\$17,825,506
3	Scat Daddy, '04, (Johannesburg) N/A, Died	319 / 156	18 / 37	12	2	1.90	Justify \$3,798,000	\$15,384,722
4	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$150,000	327 / 177	18 / 42	8	1	1.94	Audible \$1,141,120	\$13,634,651
5	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$225,000	289 / 148	14 / 38	7	2	2.28	Unique Bella \$680,000	\$12,624,082
6	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	234 / 121	16 / 33	8	1	2.37	Good Magic \$1,728,400	\$12,027,080
7	Quality Road, '06, (Elusive Quality) Lane's End, KY, \$150,000	216 / 135	17 / 27	10	5	2.05	City of Light \$1,412,000	\$11,618,302
8	More Than Ready, '97, (Southern Halo) WinStar Farm LLC, KY, \$80,000	275 / 143	13 / 23	7	5	1.59	Roy H \$1,660,000	\$11,245,413
9	Flatter, '99, (A.P. Indy) Claiborne Farm, KY, \$40,000	201 / 102	10 / 20	2	0	1.65	West Coast \$3,720,000	\$10,323,736
10	Lookin At Lucky, '07, (Smart Strike) Ashford Stud, KY, \$20,000	187 / 86	6 / 12	6	2	1.80	Accelerate \$5,005,000	\$10,321,933
11	Malibu Moon, '97, (A.P. Indy) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$75,000	279 / 124	11 / 28	5	2	1.62	Magnum Moon \$1,177,800	\$9,803,747
12	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, \$200,000	228 / 101	12 / 30	6	0	1.97	Wonder Gadot \$1,179,488	\$9,070,207
13	Ghostzapper, '00, (Awesome Again) Adena Springs Kentucky, KY, \$85,000	218 / 127	11 / 25	5	0	2.13	Runaway Ghost \$483,960	\$8,417,242
14	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$125,000	236 / 119	17 / 29	8	1	1.91	Unbridled Mo \$536,700	\$8,370,042
15	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm LLC, KY, \$80,000	239 / 123	16 / 27	7	0	1.94	Matera Sky \$598,511	\$8,264,687

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2018 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 17, 2018. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2014 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2018 Northern Hemisphere only.

ESPINOZA RESOLUTION: A JANUARY RETURN TO RACING

By BloodHorse Staff

Triple Crown-winning jockey Victor Espinoza could resume his riding career next month at Santa Anita Park after recovering from serious injuries in a training mishap July 22 at Del Mar.

"He's in Mexico right now visiting his family," said Espinoza's agent Brian Beach Dec. 17. "He posted a video of himself online chopping down a tree, so his neck must be feeling pretty good, to swing an ax.

"He says everything is going well, he's just working on his fitness, he wants to test ride a couple horses around the first of the year, and if things go well, he's looking at maybe the middle of January (to be back in the saddle competitively)."

Earlier this month Espinoza returned to Del Mar for the first time since incurring a fractured vertebra and spinal cord trauma in the July 22 training accident. The official duties for Espinoza Dec. 2 at Del Mar were to present the trophy to the winner of the \$300,000 Hollywood Derby (G1T), which he did to owner Peter Brant and jockey Joel Rosario of Raging Bull with acting brothers Luke and Owen Wilson alongside.

Before and after the ceremony, however, Espinoza used the occasion to provide some good news to fans,



(L-R): Owen Wilson, Victor Espinoza, Joel Rosario, and Luke Wilson gather in the Del Mar winner's circle for a trophy presentation following the Hollywood Derby

horsemen, and followers—projecting a January return.

"My body is getting stronger day by day," said Espinoza, whose initial treatment was done at Scripps La Jolla and who has been recuperating at his Del Mar residence. "Last week I saw my doctor and they checked the MRI and it came out perfect. I was surprised but really happy. Everything is coming along well and I don't need surgery, which is great. My spinal cord has healed perfectly fine, which was my main concern." BH



FILLY MAKE HAPPY BACK FOR MORE IN JAPAN ROAD TO DERBY

By Bob Kieckhefer

When Churchill Downs officials expanded the "Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby" from three races to four for the current prep season, they surely didn't envision it turning into a "Japan Road to the Kentucky Oaks."

That's what might, in effect, be happening as Make Happy, a California-bred Square Eddie filly, seeks to double down on her victory in the series' first race when she faces 13 male rivals Dec. 19 in the listed Zen-Nipon Nisai Yushun Stakes at Kawasaki Racecourse near Haneda Airport.

Bred by two-time Kentucky Derby-winning owner Reddam Racing, Make Happy is a \$650,000 purchase for Shadai Farm at the Fasig-Tipton Florida Select 2-year-olds In Training Sale in March. She was an impressive winner of the first race in the series, the non-listed Cattleya Sho at Tokyo Racecourse Nov. 24.

After the Cattleya Sho, trainer Teruya Yoshida said the 10 points the filly earned in that race wouldn't matter as she would not be considered for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1). But the Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1)? "If she will be this good from now on, we'll consider it," Yoshida said of the filly who races in the silks of his mother, Kazuko Yoshida.

And trainer Koichi Shinkai said the family feels American racing might be more to the liking of the California-bred filly than Dubai, often a first option for good Japanese dirt horses. The Derby points earned in Japan would not carry over to automatically qualify Make Happy for the Oaks.

Make Happy, a full sister to 2015 Hopeful Stakes (G1) winner Ralis, awaits a stern test in the 1,600-meter (about 1 mile) race Wednesday at Kawasaki Racecourse, which is administered by local authorities under the auspices of the National Association of Racing.

Chief among the rivals is Gal Vihara, a Gold Allure colt bred by Teruya Yoshida's brother, Katsumi. Like Make Happy, Gal Vihara is undefeated in two starts, including the non-listed Platanus Stakes at Tokyo Racecourse Oct. 13.

Both Make Happy and Gal Vihara represent the Japan Racing Association, which administers the country's major tracks. Top hope for the NAR is Mutually, a Pyro colt who is undefeated in three starts

> including the non-listed Kamakura Kinen at Kawasaki Oct. 17.

Make Happy earned 10 Kentucky Derby points in the Cattleya Sho. None of the other points-earners in that race will contest the Zen-Nipon Nisai Yushun, which awards points on the 20-8-4-2 scale to the first four finishers.

The series continues with the listed Hyacinth Stakes Feb. 17 at Tokyo Racecourse with placings worth 30-12-6-3 and concludes March 31 with the non-listed Fukuryu Stakes at Nakayama. That race is worth 40-16-8-4. BH



Make Happy wins the Cattleya Sho at Tokyo Racecourse



BUILD-UP TO MAGIC MILLIONS MEET CONTINUES

By Tim Rowe/ANZ Bloodstock News

A chance glance at a striking filly by the current leading first season sire Better Than Ready could lead to brash Queanbeyan trainer Joe Cleary having a runner in next month's Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic.

Girls Are Ready was snapped up by her trainer for just AUS\$30,000 (USs\$23,748) at this year's Magic Millions Yearling Sale and the 2-year-old will back up at Warwick Farm Dec. 22 in an attempt to almost certainly guarantee herself a place in the \$2 million Gold Coast race Jan. 12.

One of six winners for the Lyndhurst Studbased Better Than Ready, the filly impressed with a strong closing one and three-quarter length victory at Canterbury on Friday night, an effort that confirmed Cleary's January plan for Girls Are Ready.

"The feed bin has told us she is right to go again.

After her Canberra run she had five days in the paddock, so she had already had one little let-up going into Friday night and she will have five days again after Saturday going into the Magic Millions," Cleary told ANZ Bloodstock News.

Girls Are Ready ran third to Aeecee Vinco at Canberra on her first start and will use the AUS\$125,000 Warwick Farm race, to be run over 1200 meters (about six furlongs), as a way of securing a start in the Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic. The Sydney contest yesterday received eight nominations including first starters from the Peter and Paul Snowden stable, James Cummings, Chris Waller and John O'Shea who will unveil AUS\$850,000 (\$659,770) Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale purchase Twentyfour Carat. Cleary revealed Girls Are Ready's pattern of racing off the speed in her two starts so far was by design.

"In track gallops with older horses she was able to get the drag off them. We know with 2-year-old racing, a lot of it is cut-throat and they burn the candle at both ends and a little filly like her, she wouldn't be able to



Lyndhurst Stud sire Better Than Ready could be represented by at least four runners in the Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic

do that," he said. "We have taught her to settle and we have kicked some goals already."

Girls Are Ready, who as the name suggests is owned by an all-female syndicate, was bought by Cleary from the book 2 session of this year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale when offered by Yarramalong Park, a shareholder in Better Than Ready.

"You wouldn't believe it, I didn't even have her marked (in the catalog). She just walked past me. I said to my wife, 'what is this thing?'. She just had some swagger about her, so I went back to the barn and had a look at her," recalled Cleary, the son of Golden Slipper Stakes (G1)-winning trainer Frank Cleary.

"I had bid on a horse by The Factor and missed out, so I went back and got the filly out again and, without being cheeky, I asked what the reserve was on her and old mate from Lyndhurst Stud said, 'Joe, we need to get the BTRs out there because we want to get them going'.

"I said I'd go to \$40,000 for her and in the end I got her for \$30,000 and the rest is history."

Better Than Ready has so far been a first season sire revelation, producing Boomer Bloodstock Calaway Gal Stakes winner Better Reflectionand Spirit Of Boom

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BUILD-UP TO MAGIC MILLIONS MEET CONTINUES

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Phelan Ready Stakes winner The Odyssey at Doomben on Saturday, mirroring the success of fellow young Queensland sire Spirit Of Boom last year.

Better Than Ready could have at least four runners in the Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic, with Girls Are Ready set to join Gold Coast-bound The Odyssey, Better Reflection, and Betaima, who has won twice from four starts for trainer Toby Edmonds.

Girls Are Ready is currently 25th in the order of

entry for the Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic, which is led by the unbeaten Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Unite And Conquer.

Meanwhile, Cleary has talented sprinting mare Lucy Rose nominated for a Benchmark 78 Handicap at Warwick Farm on Saturday, but the trainer says she is a doubtful starter. He plans to instead run her at Moruya on Sunday, but stablemate Tag And Release is expected to accompany Girls Are Ready to Sydney and run in the TAB Highway Handicap.

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MULTIPLE CHAMPION ITALIAN SIRE MUJAHID PENSIONED

By Martin Stevens/Racing Post

Mujahid, a multiple champion sire in Italy, has been pensioned from covering duty at Allevamento di Besnate at the age of 22.

The Shadwell-owned son of Danzig retires at the peak of his powers, having led all sires in Italy by progeny earnings for the past four seasons.

He is the sire of 11 group winners and 18 listed winners headed by Cleo Fan, who struck in the Premio Presidente della Repubblica (G1), and Danleigh, conceived during his spell shuttling to Widden Stud in Australia and triumphant in four group 1 races for Chris Waller.

Mujahid's other high-achieving offspring include group 2 Daaher Jebel Hatta scorer Balius and San Clemente Handicap (G2T) victor Starlarks, as well as Baddam, who placed second in the Woodcote Stud Sagaro Stakes (G3) at Ascot.

He has made his mark through his daughters as well, featuring as damsire of Prix de la Nonette Shadwell (G2) winner Tasaday, QIPCO One Thousand Guineas (G1) and Etihad Airways Irish One Thousand Guineas (G1) runner-up Lightning Thunder, and classy juvenile filly Baileys Jubilee.

Several of his progeny made successful crossovers to the jumps sphere, most notably grade 1-winning hurdler Khyber Kim.

"Mujahid will turn 23 in January and is in good health, but he covers fewer mares now as he has been extensively used by Italian breeders from 2007, when he was relocated here," said Allevamento di Besnate's Paolo Crespi.

"We also think that in future his fertility could reduce; in 2018 he still achieved more than 50%, but that has already slightly declined from previous seasons.

"There is no better time to retire Mujahid. Two weeks before the end of the racing season, he is firmly in position to become leading sire in Italy once again. It will be the fourth year in a row that he'll be champion here, and he was also the champion Italian-based sire in



Mujahid at Allevamento di Besnate

the three previous years, when he finished second to an Irish-based sire overall.

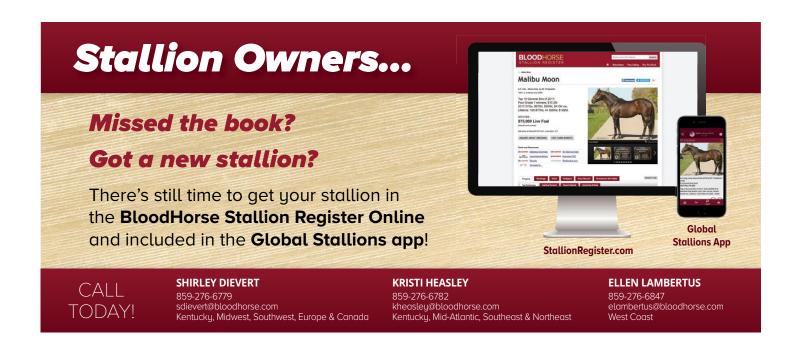
"Once again in 2018 he sired a classic winner, Act of War, a group winner, Dirk, and the usual flow of stakes horses such as Perego, Close Your Eyes, Penalty, and Menuhin."

In his own racing career, Mujahid won his first two starts for John Dunlop and Hamdan Al Maktoum before disappointing when fifth as favourite in the Gimcrack Stakes (G2). He bounced back to form when taking the Saudi Arabian Airlines Dewhurst (G1) at odds of 25-1 on his next start.

He never won again but was a fine third behind Island Sands and Enrique in the Sagitta Two Thousand Guineas (G1) at 3.

"Mujahid has been a great servant for Shadwell and for the Italian breeding industry as well," said Crespi. "You have to go back many decades to find a stallion with such a long dominance in Italian racing, so he certainly deserves the happy retirement that he is going to enjoy here in Besnate."





GLORIOUS EMPIRE A MULTIFACETED SUCCESS STORY

By Alan Porter

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ne generally doesn't expect the fate of Eclipse Awards to be decided by grade 2 events at Gulfstream Park in December. That, however, is what might well have happened Dec. 15 when Glorious Empire made every post a winning one, scoring a convincing victory in the Ft. Lauderdale Stakes (G2T).

Glorious Empire was eased Nov. 3, apparently unhappy on the soft ground, after showing brief speed in the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T) at Churchill Downs. Prior to that, though, he had put together three straight victories, including the July 28 Bowling Green Stakes (G2T) at Sarartoga Race Course, in which he finished in a dead-heat with Channel Maker, and posted a 13/4-length win over the same rival in the Aug. 25 Sword Dancer Stakes (G1T) at Saratoga.

Given that there has been no clear leader in the male turf division, and that the field behind Glorious Empire

in the Ft. Lauderdale was unusually strong for a grade 2, featuring four other horses who had already captured grade 1 events.

Should Glorious Empire win an Eclipse Award, it will mark a remarkable milestone on what has been an extraordinary journey. Bred in Ireland, Glorious Empire was sold for 20,000 guineas (US\$27,268) at the 2011 Goffs November Foal Sale. and again one year later for 90,000 guineas (\$151,880) at the Tattersalls October

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5, 255 .		Secretariat, 1970	Bold Ruler	
	L'On Vite, 1986		Somethingroyal	
GLORIOUS		Fanfreluche, 1967	Northern Dancer	
EMPIRE (IRE)			Ciboulette	
br, g		Polar Falcon, 1987	Nureyev	
February 5, 2011	Pivotal, 1993		Marie d'Argonne	
]	Fearless Revival, 1987	Cozzene	
			Stufida	
HUMBLE AND		Machiavellian, 1987	Mr. Prospector	
PROUD, b, 2006	Delauncy, 1994		Coup de Folie	
2, 2000		Casey, 1985	Caerleon	
		-	Kiss	

Yearling Sale. Beginning his racing career in England, he won his only start at 2, and was successful the following year in three of five starts, establishing himself as a progressive type who seemed better over seven furlongs than further.

After a victory in a seven-furlong handicap at Newmarket, The Racing Post remarked that Glorious Empire "... could easily end up Pattern (graded stakes) class by the end of the season." Instead, the gelding was sold to continue his career in Hong Kong. He won over six

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Glorious Empire leads at every point of call to win the Ft. Lauderdale Stakes at Gulfstream Park



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furlongs there on his debut, but bled badly in his second start.

He'd also bled in a barrier trial, and in a jurisdiction that doesn't allow Lasix and has strict rules on horses that bleed, Glorious Empire's Hong Kong sojourn was over. Shipped back to England—where race day Lasix is also banned—Glorious Empire again bled badly, and was pulled up in this first start since his return. That left North America as the only practical future venue for Glorious Empire.

The then 5-year-old made his first start on this side of the Atlantic, finishing unplaced in the Ontario Jockey Club Stakes over six furlongs at Woodbine. He continued to notch steady performances, mostly in allowance/ optional claiming events, until he was haltered for \$62,500 by his current owner from a seven-furlong event at Belmont Park in May of 2017, a race in which he finished last.

Following some hyperbaric oxygen therapy, Glorious Empire returned to take a \$67,000 claimer over 8 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga by 7 1/2 lengths, but he again bled badly when he was pulled up in the Baltimore/ Washington International Turf (G2T) in September. That might have been the end of the story, but an intensified hyperbaric regimen, some work from an osteopath, and a switch to trainer Chuck Lawrence at Fair Hill saw Glorious Empire return to the lists this term. He kicked off with an unplaced effort in a minor stakes at Laurel Park, but then presaged his run of success in stakes company with a four-length victory in a nine-furlong allowance/optional claiming test at Delaware Park.

In addition to overcoming a serious bleeding problem, the other notable factor in Glorious Empire's rise has been his evolution from an off-the-pace sprinter, to an on-the-pace route runner, who was able to win a grade 1 at 12 furlongs.

One certainly couldn't blame anyone for starting with

the preconception that speed would be Glorious Empire's forte. His sire, Holy Roman Emperor—a son of Danehill, out of L'On Vite, who was by Secretariat out of Northern Dancer's famed daughter, Fanfreluche—won four starts at 2, three at six furlongs, including the Anheuser-Busch-Adventure Parks Railway Stakes (G2) and Independent Waterford Wedgewood Phoenix Stakes (G1).

The triumphant progress was interrupted by a second to that year's champion 2-year-old, Teofilo, in the seven-furlong Laing O'Rourke National Stakes (G1), but Holy Roman Emperor rebounded to add the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (Grand Criterium, G1) over the same trip. Rematched with Teofilo in the Darley Dewhurst Stakes (G1), Holy Roman Emperor went down by just a head to his nemesis.

Through the winter, Holy Roman Empire stood as second favorite for the first English classic, the Stan James Two Thousand Guineas (G1). Spring, however, brought the news that Holy Roman Emperor was to instead be retired to stud, rushed into service to replace his paternal half brother, European champion George Washington, who had been found to have serious fertility problems.

Holy Roman Emperor sired 113 foals that first season and over the years has carved a consistently successful, if not stellar, stud career. Overall, including shuttle-crops, he's been responsible for 78 stakes winners, and 43 group/graded stakes winners. Fifteen of his offspring have scored at the highest level, and remarkably those victories have come in at least eight different countries and from five to 12 furlongs.

In addition to Glorious Empire, the best of Holy Roman Emperor's offspring include this year's Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas (G1) scorer Romanised; Homecoming Queen, who took the QIPCO One Thousand Guineas (G1); Mongolian Khan, who took the Tv3 New Zealand Derby (G1), BMW Australian Derby (G1), and BMW Caulfield Cup (G1); Designs On Rome, a five-time grade 1 scorer in Hong Kong; and the Santa Anita Sprint

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Championship (G1) captor Rich Tapestry.

Glorious Empire's dam, the unraced Humble And Proud, is by Pivotal, a Nureyev grandson who was a group 1 winner at five furlongs. An extremely successful sire in Europe, Pivotal, like Holy Roman Emperor, defied his race record, siring group/grade 1 winners at up to 12 furlongs. He's also been an excellent broodmare sire.

Humble And Proud is half sister to Delsarte (by Nureyev's son, Theatrical), winner of the Brazil and Parry Newmarket Stakes, and group 2-placed. She's also a half sister to black-type placed Regina Mundi, herself the dam of Rocques, winner of three of four starts at 2 this year, including the Prix d'Aumale (G3).

Glorious Empire's second dam, Delauncy—by another distance versatile sire, Machiavellian—was twice black-type-placed over 10 furlongs in France. The third dam, Casey, is a daughter of Caerleon, who captured the Park Hill Stakes (G2) over 14 1/2 furlongs. Oddly, Casey, is a full sister to Alessia, who produced a pair of group 1 winning speedsters in Patavellian (by Machiavellian, so closely related to the granddam of Glorious Empire) and Avonbridge, the 2005 European champion sprinter.

Glorious Empire is another example of the very successful cross of Danehill-line stallions with mares by Pivotal, which has produced 11 stakes winners, including other group/grade 1 winners Fairyland and One Master. The reverse cross of Pivotal over a Danehill mare produced one of Europe's top sires in the shape of Siyouni. BH



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 6, AOC

12/18, \$33,700, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:13.46, track fast. 1–Royal'd, 122, b g, 4, Regal Ransom–Lively Belle, by Bellamy Road, \$20,220, 0–Elias Del Val, B–Raimonde Farms LTD (OH), T–Robin Schuster, J–Erik Barbaran

Margin: 31/4, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 7, ALW

12/18, \$23,500, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:06.63, track fast.

1–Glennwood, 121, b c, 3, Paynter–Enchanted Woods, by Woodman, \$14,100, O–Jak Racing LLC., B–Zayat Stables, LLC (KY), T–Bart A. Barnes, J–T. D. Houghton

Margin: 234, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 7, ALW

12/18, \$39,000, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:20.06, track fast.

1–Bang the Drum, 121, b c, 4, Jump Start–Crafty Crypto, by Crafty Prospector, \$23,400, O–Pewter Stable and Montour Stable, B–Ronald E. Dewolf (PA), T–Kathleen A. Demasi, J–Mychel J. Sanchez

Sale History: 2015 FTMSEP, \$13,500.

Margin: 2½, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 4, ALW

12/18, \$35,500, 2yo, 8f (dirt), 1:39.58, track fast. 1-Hesa Prospector, 120, b g, 2, Abstraction-Al's Time, by Thatsusintheolbean, \$21,300, O-Donnell Echols, B-Donnell Echols (NM), T-Joel H. Marr, J-Miquel T. Fuentes, Jr.

Margin: 11/2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 8, ALW

12/18, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.71, track fast.

1–Oh My Word, 121, dk b/br f, 3, Kafwain–Lexie Miss, by Forestry, \$18,000, 0–Ashcroft, James and Jackie, B–Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA), T–Sherry Armstrong, J–Enrique Portillo Gomez Margin: 7, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 9, AOC

12/18, \$42,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.80, track fast

1-Hennessy Express, 121, dk b/br f, 3, Roll Hennessy Roll-Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect, \$25,500, 0-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC., B-Dale Taylor (NM), T-Todd W. Fincher, J-Shane Laviolette

Margin: 134, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 1, MSW

12/18, \$29,600, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:14.51, track fast. 1–Onetensixteen, 123, b g, 3, Overanalyze–Braun 'n Gold, by Forestry, \$17,760, O–Loooch Racing Stables, Inc., B–Steve M DeMaiolo (OH), T–Jeffrey A. Radosevich, J–Luis Raul Rivera

Sale History: 2016 KEESEP, \$77,000, 2015 KEENOV, \$35,000.

Margin: 171/2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 3, MSW

12/18, \$29,600, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:17.07, track fast. 1–Schmultzy, 123, ch g, 3, Beau Classic–Irish Date, by Take Me Out, \$17,760, O–Thomas, Brad, Thomas, Debby and Smeltzer, David, B–Deborah K Flanigin (OH), T–Richard Zielinski, J–Christian P. Pilares

Margin: 2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 5, MSW

12/18, \$22,100, 2yo, 8.32f (dirt), 1:50.11, track fast. 1–Maya Solomea, 122, dk b/br c, 2, Risque Remarque–Solomea, by A.P. Indy, \$13,260, 0–William J. Pribble, B–Calumet Farm (KY), T–Adolfo Macias, J–T. D. Houghton

Margin: 4¾, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 4, MSW

12/18, \$45,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:43.31, track fast.
1–Elusive Hero, 122, b g, 3, Run Away and Hide—African Charm, by Johannesburg, \$27,000, 0—Winners Circle Partners XII, B—Richard J. Forbush (KY), T—Hugh I. McMahon, J—Katie Davis

Sale History: 2016 FTKOCT, \$115,000.

Margin: ½, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Zia Park, Race 6, MSW

12/18, \$32,500, 2yo, 6f (dirt), 1:11.84, track fast. 1–Drive Thru Gary, 120, dk b/br g, 2, Southwestern Heat–Rose's Turn, by Dixie Union, \$19,500, O–Robison, J. Kirk and Judy, B–J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM), T–Henry Dominguez, J–Enrique Portillo Gomez

Margin: 31/2, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

