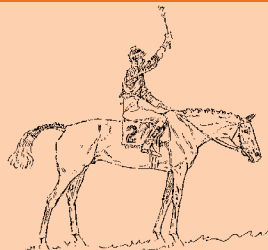


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## Tale of two Maryland-breds

*Double Crown, Ournationonparade  
make most of new opportunities*

By Sara Gordon

Standing on a flower bed in the parking lot of Gulfstream Park, Dean Reeves watched his 3-year-old colt Double Crown storm down the stretch to take the \$75,000 Roar Stakes, finishing a half-length ahead of graded stakes winner Green Light Go. Shining as a beacon of hope, Double Crown became the first Maryland-bred to win a stakes race since mid-March, when the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic brought racing nearly to a halt across the country.

But it wasn't the first time Double Crown's tenacity had given those around him a glimpse into his successful future. During his time with Cary Frommer at the Aiken Training Track in Aiken, S.C., the son of Anchor and Hope Farm's Bourbon Courage and the Two Punch mare Two Columbus, unnamed at the time, captured the second race in last year's Aiken Trials. The following week, Jim Rhodes and his wife Debbie bought him and sent him to Lacey Gaudet at Laurel Park to prepare for his first race.

"About two weeks before the trials, [Frommer] had him breezed out of the gate, and this sucker lit up like he was a



Lauren King

racehorse. It was the first time that he really showed us he was going to be more than average," said Rhodes, a member of the training track's executive committee, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, and director of Aiken Equine Rescue.

Named after Rhodes' drink of choice, a double Crown with a twist of lime, the bay colt bred by Tom and Chris Bowman and their daughter Becky Davis broke his maiden at Laurel last September. Battling down the stretch against fellow Maryland-bred Ournationonparade, Double Crown won the 6-furlong race by a neck. Thrilled with his horse's

performance, Rhodes didn't expect what came next.

"By about 6 o'clock [that night], my phone started ringing. The first telephone call I took was from Dean Reeves, who said he wanted to make an offer on the horse. I said, 'well let me think about it and I'll get back to you,'" Rhodes said. "[After I] hung the phone up, it rang about five more times that night and I finally quit answering it."

With only two horses claimed away from him in his time as an owner, both of which he bought back, Rhodes' lack of experience with selling racehorses led him to consult with Frommer.



Ournationonparade won the Maryland Million Nursery last fall.

After sorting through 10 interested parties, Reeves came away as the new owner of Double Crown. And soon after that, he purchased Ournationonparade too.

"I watched the race and when I looked at it, I thought, 'I can't tell which is the better horse.' They both looked very good in their stride, when they changed leads and in the way they went through the race," said Reeves, who owns Reeves Thoroughbred Racing with his wife Patti. "We started looking at the winner, Double Crown, but after talking with Jay Stone and Leslie Huddleston and some other [associates], I decided I was just going to try and buy them both."

Bred and originally owned by Jay Williamson, Ournationonparade got his start with

trainer Bernie Houghton at Sylmar Farm in Christiana, Pa. The son of Cal Nation out of the Leading the Parade mare Parade of Colors made his first start for his new connections a month after his career debut, breaking his maiden in the \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery at Laurel by  $3\frac{3}{4}$  lengths as the even-money favorite. With that win, Ournationonparade became his sire's first stakes winner.

Reeves' hopes of running Double Crown and Ournationonparade back in the Nursery were dashed when a small bone chip was discovered in Double Crown's right hind leg. After having the bone chip removed, Double Crown was given time off to recover and save his debut for Reeves until his 3-year-old season.

"I'm impatient as hell, but they'll pay you back in dividends if you give them a little time," he said.

And Double Crown has certainly delivered. Since both horses were moved down to Florida with trainer Kathy Ritvo, Double Crown made his first start of 2020 in an allowance at Gulfstream Park in April that included older runners. After being impeded by Ournationonparade, who lost Irad Ortiz Jr. after clipping heels past the quarter pole, Double Crown managed a strong comeback to finish second. Just three weeks later, he proved himself further in the Roar as he captured his stakes debut and became his sire's second stakes winner. As of June 11, he'd earned \$83,865.

Ournationonparade has made four starts as a 3-year-old, including a third in the Hutcheson Stakes in February and fourth in the Roar. The chestnut gelding has earned \$80,363.

"It just seems like in his last two or three races, Ournationonparade hasn't gotten the right trip or hasn't gotten the right track, but I think he's going to be fine," said Reeves. "He may be a bit more of a miler, where I think Double Crown is probably going to be more of a two-turn horse. I still feel good about Ourna-

tiononparade, I just think he's had a tough go of it lately."

With both horses Triple Crown-nominated, Reeves plans to run Double Crown in the \$75,000 Carry Back Stakes at Gulfstream July 4, and possibly Ournationonparade too, who he hopes to stretch out to 7 furlongs or a one-turn mile. Long-term, if Double Crown runs well in his next start, a two-turn stakes race will be the target.

"Maryland-breds are the best kept secret out there," said Reeves, who has campaigned the likes of Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Mucho Macho Man. "There really are some nice horses up there and I've actually got another one, Muchacho [a two-time winner in training at Fair Hill with Corby Caiazzo]. I'm going to be one that'll continue to look for Maryland-breds and always watch those races."

For Rhodes, the change in ownership has done nothing to curb his pride in Double Crown and appreciation for Reeves Thoroughbred Racing.

"They send me texts and pictures all the time and they've invited me to any race that he's in. They're allowing us to enjoy the ride and it's a very good feeling," he said. "It's an industry of developing friendships and relationships and I believe in that." 🍷



## MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

### Sharing wins sophomore debut in Tepin Stakes

**E**clipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable's reigning Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Sharing kicked off her 3-year-old season by extending her win

streak to four in the \$100,000 Tepin Stakes May 23 at Churchill Downs.

Nearly seven months after her victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1,

Sharing faced 12 others in the Tepin. Manny Franco settled her a couple of lengths off the pace in fourth in the 1-mile turf test, off opening fractions of :24.16 and :48.39.

Moving up on the outside of pacesetter In Good Spirits into the final turn, Sharing grabbed the lead in the stretch and turned back Grade 1-winning Breeders' Cup competitor Abscond to win by a half-length in 1:36.26. The Graham Motion trainee won her third stakes and improved to 4-0-1 from five starts as

she increased her earnings to \$787,340.

"It's great seeing her back to her form from last year," Franco said. "She's very classy but it makes your job easier when you have nice horses underneath you."

By mid-June, she was on to even bigger things as Motion sent her to England's Royal Ascot meeting and a start in the Coronation Stakes June 20 (after this magazine went to press).

Third in her debut at Saratoga last July, Sharing broke

her maiden a month later in a 7-furlong off-the-turf maiden special weight at Saratoga. Her victorious stakes debut in the \$200,000 Selima Stakes at Laurel Park in September served as the final preparation before her Breeders' Cup run.

The daughter of Speights-town bred by Sagamore Farm is out of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 winner Shared Account, who is a daughter of Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Pleasantly Perfect. The mare produced four foals for Sagamore while

based in Maryland before being sold for \$550,000 to Sam-Son Farm at the 2018 Keeneland November breeding stock sale. Three of the four are winners, including stakes winner Riley's Choice and stakes-placed I'm Pretty Strong.

Sharing was sold as a yearling to Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for \$350,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga select sale. 🐾



## MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

A QUEEN'S SMILE, by Ops Smile, gr./ro.c., March 17, by Alliance. Bonita Farm. Mare to Dortmund.

AROMA DE MUJER, by Trippi, b.c., May 8, by Carpe Diem. George Louis Doetsch Jr. Mare to Carpe Diem.

BELLA PROMESSA, by Broken Vow, ch.f., April 30, by Skipshot. Big Lick Farm.

DIAMONDS ONLY, by Lonhro (Aus), b.f., April 21, by Hoote-nanny. Grandview Stable Inc. Mare to Dortmund.

DIXIE SHEIKH, by Dixie Union, b.c., May 27, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

FLEET ALLAIRE, by Halo's Image, b.f., May 1, by Karakontie (Jpn). John Banner and Cheryl Banner.

HAPPY REFRAIN, by Not For Love, b.c., April 15, by Frosted. Sallyellen Hurst. Mare to Divining Rod.

ISABEL HARP, by Mojave Moon, ch.f., March 23, by Alliance. Bonita Farm. Mare to Alliance.

KELLY'S ENDEAVOUR, by Kodiak Kowboy, b.c., April 6, by Bourbon Courage. The Elkstone Group.

LEDA'S SWAN, by Macho Uno, b.f., April 24, by Skipshot. Big Lick Farm.

LOST REWARD, by Warrior's Reward, b.f., April 26, by Alliance. Barlar LLC. Mare to Alliance.

MARTINI, by Yes It's True, b.f., May 20, by Cloud Computing.

Barak Farm. Mare to Maclean's Music.

MEINERTZHAGENI, by Stormin Fever, dk.b./br.c., Feb. 28, by Constitution. The Elkstone Group. Mare to Lookin At Lucky.

MISS CHARADES, by Mizzen Mast, b.f., April 28, by Irish War Cry. Barak Farm.

MODEL FIGURE, by Distant View, ch.c., May 1, by Lookin At Lucky. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Lookin At Lucky.

MO LIGHT, by Uncle Mo, ch.c., April 29, by Munnings. Derek Brown.

MY BELLA ROSE, by Orientate, dk.b./br.c., April 30, by Baltimore Bob. James B. Steele Jr.

NAVAL ACADEMY, by Mizzen Mast, b.c., April 7, by Cairo Prince. Marathon Farm Inc. Mare to Oscar Performance.

NEVER KNOW, by Tomorrows Cat, ch.f., April 14, by Dortmund. Bonita Farm. Mare to Dortmund.

NOBLE NATION, by Cal Nation, b.c., April 27, by Golden Lad. Helen Marshall.

ORINOQUIA, by Whywhywhy, b.c., April 18, by Liam's Map. The Elkstone Group. Mare to Frosted.

OUR CONQUISTADORA, by Wilburn, ch.f., March 26, by Dortmund. Bona Terra Stud LLC. Mare to Dortmund.

OUR FIRST GIRL, by War Front, b.f., Feb. 18, by Kobe's Back. CRK Stable Inc. Mare to Kobe's Back.



**Munnings colt is out of Mo Light, a granddaughter of four-time Grade 1 winner Lite Light.**



**Golden Lad colt is out of Noble Nation, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Noble Indy.**



**Irish War Cry—Secure Access colt descends from Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Secret Status.**



**Tale of the Cat filly out of Perfect Gleam is from the family of Menifee and Desert Wine.**

PEPPERMINT STICK, by Leroi-desanimaux (Brz), dk.b./br.f., March 15, by No Never No More. Christine, Cody and Trevor Favata. Mare to Divining Rod.

PERFECT GLEAM, by Perfect Soul (Ire), b.f., May 26, by Tale of the Cat. Warning Drums Racing LLC.

QUEEN DEL VALLE, by Baryshnikov, ch.c., Feb. 3, by Gun Runner. Big Lick Farm. Mare to Gun Runner.

QUIET INFERNO, by Quiet American, b.c., March 29, by Liam's Map. Marathon Farm Inc.

RANSOM MOON, by Malibu Moon, b.f., Feb. 10, by Palace.

Kyle Daigneault. Mare to Alliance.

SECURE ACCESS, by Kitten's Joy, ch.c., May 19, by Irish War Cry. Kim Campbell.

SERILDA, by Etched, ch.c., April 9, by Dortmund. Bonita Farm and Partners. Mare to Kobe's Back.

SO ROYAL, by Chapel Royal, b.c., May 7, by Alliance. Make My Day Stable.

STRIKING BELLA, by Smart Strike, b.c., April 30, by Noble Mission (GB). Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Goldcents.

UBU, by Silver Train, gr./ro.c., April 4, by The Factor. Big Lick Farm.

Kim Campbell

Lydia A. Williams (2)

## Maryland-bred top earners in 2020

(through June 2)

|                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Field Pass . . . . . \$182,100    | 11. American Nina . . . . . \$60,865 |
| 2. Majestic Reason . . . . . 150,000 | 12. McKale . . . . . 59,400          |
| 3. Plata O Plomo . . . . . 118,322   | 13. Stroll Smokin . . . . . 58,227   |
| 4. Alwaysmining . . . . . 116,000    | 14. Money Fromheaven . . . 57,573    |
| 5. Naughty Thoughts . . . 86,279     | 15. Sharing . . . . . 57,040         |
| 6. Toy . . . . . 80,691              | 16. Easy River . . . . . 56,235      |
| 7. Artful Splatter . . . . . 78,822  | 17. Kiss the Girl . . . . . 55,396   |
| 8. Blamed . . . . . 68,300           | 18. Double Crown . . . . . 54,225    |
| 9. My Friends Beer . . . . . 64,519  | 19. Knicks Go . . . . . 52,800       |
| 10. Pitching Ari . . . . . 62,244    | 20. Little Miss Raelyn . . . 52,472  |

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## Maryland's leading sires

*Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled June 2 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their careers in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2020. † denotes freshman sire.*

### Earnings in 2020

|                          | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings  |
|--------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-----------|
| Friesan Fire . . . . .   | 48   | 126    | 13   | 16   | \$453,974 |
| Great Notion . . . . .   | 40   | 85     | 15   | 17   | 452,342   |
| Golden Lad . . . . .     | 20   | 45     | 5    | 6    | 309,836   |
| Bandbox . . . . .        | 22   | 47     | 9    | 10   | 301,131   |
| Super Ninety Nine . . .  | 26   | 69     | 8    | 9    | 300,200   |
| Bourbon Courage . . .    | 17   | 37     | 6    | 7    | 281,781   |
| Not For Love . . . . .   | 21   | 70     | 6    | 9    | 232,179   |
| Street Magician . . . .  | 23   | 67     | 7    | 8    | 202,729   |
| Seville (Ger) . . . . .  | 36   | 80     | 4    | 6    | 181,885   |
| Oriente . . . . .        | 26   | 65     | 3    | 3    | 129,366   |
| Outflanker . . . . .     | 13   | 40     | 5    | 6    | 124,311   |
| Petionville . . . . .    | 15   | 46     | 3    | 4    | 124,026   |
| Imagining . . . . .      | 18   | 40     | 1    | 1    | 115,580   |
| Nicanor . . . . .        | 14   | 44     | 2    | 4    | 106,874   |
| Redeemed . . . . .       | 19   | 51     | 3    | 3    | 85,266    |
| Tritap . . . . .         | 10   | 20     | 1    | 1    | 80,037    |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . . | 7    | 19     | 2    | 2    | 72,063    |

### Earnings lifetime

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins  | Earnings     |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|--------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 845  | 19,454 | 686  | 2,896 | \$80,782,074 |
| Oriente . . . . .         | 684  | 13,937 | 534  | 2,034 | 47,931,397   |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 665  | 14,368 | 519  | 1,935 | 45,477,860   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 777  | 14,973 | 575  | 1,958 | 38,206,360   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 507  | 9,763  | 389  | 1,333 | 30,104,371   |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 444  | 9,505  | 332  | 1,338 | 29,606,043   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 266  | 4,171  | 215  | 712   | 22,076,855   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 222  | 3,925  | 151  | 440   | 11,457,469   |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 174  | 2,822  | 128  | 364   | 11,453,841   |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 111  | 1,790  | 80   | 228   | 6,921,590    |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 75   | 1,539  | 49   | 150   | 4,101,108    |
| Redeemed . . . . .        | 64   | 889    | 38   | 92    | 3,107,322    |
| Showing Up . . . . .      | 88   | 1,168  | 55   | 135   | 2,572,960    |
| Super Ninety Nine . . .   | 44   | 354    | 26   | 59    | 1,673,068    |
| Bandbox . . . . .         | 38   | 237    | 27   | 42    | 1,466,944    |
| Seville (Ger) . . . . .   | 96   | 826    | 36   | 61    | 1,443,613    |
| Tritap . . . . .          | 29   | 272    | 18   | 39    | 1,408,605    |
| Narrative (Ire) . . . . . | 85   | 1,283  | 46   | 135   | 1,204,818    |
| Golden Lad . . . . .      | 24   | 113    | 13   | 21    | 976,307      |
| Buffum . . . . .          | 16   | 163    | 12   | 35    | 942,674      |

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

|                           | Strs | Starts | Wnrs | Wins | Earnings    |
|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------------|
| Not For Love . . . . .    | 365  | 1,164  | 139  | 186  | \$6,956,746 |
| Oriente . . . . .         | 367  | 1,155  | 141  | 183  | 5,333,131   |
| Petionville . . . . .     | 383  | 1,184  | 123  | 152  | 4,866,671   |
| Louis Quatorze . . . . .  | 338  | 1,047  | 104  | 130  | 3,509,023   |
| Outflanker . . . . .      | 229  | 924    | 94   | 125  | 3,466,391   |
| Lion Hearted . . . . .    | 224  | 733    | 81   | 111  | 3,096,416   |
| Great Notion . . . . .    | 97   | 295    | 41   | 57   | 2,214,757   |
| Friesan Fire . . . . .    | 102  | 317    | 34   | 38   | 1,732,327   |
| Rock Slide . . . . .      | 94   | 299    | 24   | 35   | 1,075,420   |
| Street Magician . . . . . | 53   | 207    | 18   | 22   | 1,035,824   |
| Golden Lad . . . . .      | 18   | 68     | 10   | 15   | 666,471     |
| Cherokee's Boy . . . . .  | 24   | 105    | 8    | 13   | 641,664     |
| Tritap . . . . .          | 19   | 79     | 10   | 17   | 619,644     |
| Super Ninety Nine . . .   | 28   | 108    | 13   | 18   | 576,228     |
| Bourbon Courage . . .     | 22   | 76     | 8    | 10   | 567,242     |
| Bandbox . . . . .         | 19   | 60     | 8    | 10   | 417,279     |
| Imagining . . . . .       | 17   | 73     | 5    | 6    | 416,937     |
| Showing Up . . . . .      | 35   | 122    | 9    | 12   | 385,211     |
| Redeemed . . . . .        | 27   | 82     | 8    | 9    | 377,735     |
| Buffum . . . . .          | 10   | 44     | 9    | 13   | 341,061     |