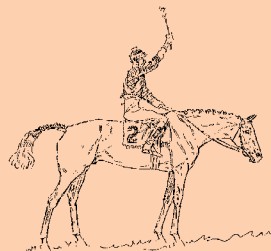


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Worth the Wait

Maryland-bred Galerio provides a highlight for small breeder Marconi

Story and photographs by Sara Gordon

As Galerio crossed the wire ahead of Tattooed in the sixth race at Laurel Park Nov. 21, winning for the eighth time in 2020, the Maryland-bred shot to the top of the national leaderboard for victories. The now 5-year-old was still there in mid-December, tied with three others as the calendar clicked down to its final days.

Though the gelding had been claimed away from his breeder more than a year ago, Daniel Marconi couldn't have been prouder. The success was another nod to the dream he'd developed as a child: to breed and own racehorses.

The 66-year-old grew up in the Rockville area and developed a love of horses by attending races all over the country with his father Gale-rio John Marconi, an avid handicapper. Being there to witness Dr. Fager, Buckpasser, Damascus and Secretariat among other greats, coupled with his dad's ambition to one day own a racehorse, fueled Marconi's passion for the sport and his love of horses.

"There were five of us, four brothers and one sister, and we all liked horses," said Marconi. "[Dad] would drive us out to Gaithersburg, which was nothing but country back then, and he would point out



Daniel Marconi takes a moment with broodmare Congaree Princess, dam of eight-time winner Galerio.

some horses that he was going to get us and we would fight over the color and all that, I mean that's how it got as kids."

But after spending his teenage years taking riding lessons and mucking stalls at Wheaton Regional Park, Marconi pushed his dreams of

owning a horse aside to earn a degree in accounting and business management leadership from the University of Maryland, work his way up to the level of district manager for Giant Food, meet his wife Star and start a family.

Marconi and Star, along with sons Daniel and Derek,

relocated to their small farm in Mt. Airy in 1992.

"We kept on saying we wanted a larger piece of land so we could keep a couple horses, so we moved here, put up a barn, put up fencing and bought ponies for the kids," said Marconi. "It was the best Christmas we ever had, probably because I always wanted a pony when I was a kid and that never happened."

And then, as Marconi said, "along came Brice Ridgely."

Ridgely and his wife Mary Anne, who lived behind the Marconi family, quickly became close friends as they bonded over their passion for horses. And Ridgely, ever the opportunist, continuously tried his hand at pulling Marconi into Thoroughbred ownership.

"Brice was a deal maker," Marconi said. "His big thing was farming, but he was in cows, he was in horses, he was in everything, so he would buy a couple horses and try [to] make a deal and one day he brought home two yearlings: One Sock and Cookie."

Ridgely called one day with a simple, "Hey, come up here and see what I've got."

Marconi arrived pretty quickly.

"He knew he had a fish on the line, so he reeled me right in," Marconi said. "Best \$1,000 I ever spent when I bought One Sock."

The Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse, entirely chestnut except for his one white sock, became Marconi's hunter/jumper and eventually his foxhunting partner as a member of the Howard County Iron-Bridge Hounds.

Ridgely sold Marconi a couple more riding horses, then switched gears and decided it was time to go racing.

"It was always Brice, putting me over the edge. Again, he knew it wouldn't take much to [turn] my words into action, so he brought home two mares," said Marconi. "I can't remember both of the mares. He actually tried to sell me Sea Karma, but we tacked her up, put a girth on her and

she almost split both of us up. She probably hadn't been girthed up in forever, and she was a broodmare, but Brice thought maybe she'd be a good riding horse for me.

"He was always trying, saying 'You can have her for \$1,000, you can start breeding some racehorses,' but I didn't bite onto it then."

Ridgely kept Virginia-bred Sea Karma, an unraced daughter of El Gran Capitan (Arg) who had already produced four foals, and bred her to Clever Champ. The mating produced a filly, born May 5, 1995.

A couple years later, with Sea Karma's 2-year-old filly Clever Rache in the barn, Ridgely had found another horse to offer Marconi: a Maryland-bred yearling filly by Norquestor out of the Somethingfabulous mare Fabulous Vee.

Ridgely's sales pitch, "You can have her, all you have to do is give me \$1,500 and trailer her out."

Marconi talked it over with his wife. "Star, you want to do that?"

"No, we probably shouldn't do that."

Marconi would get "grounded," but was "chomping at the bit" to get into racing.

Clever Rache, trained by John Tammaro III, won her second start at Pimlico in 1998, but ended her career three starts later. This time, Marconi jumped.

"I bought Clever Rache from Brice for \$2,000," he said. "She showed enough in two or three races that she looked pretty good and I liked part of her bloodlines—Icecapade was in her bloodlines."

Just before Clever Rache retired, the filly Marconi had passed on was making her first few starts after failing to meet her reserve as a weanling and a yearling in the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale. Her name was Vee Vee Star, and Ridgely kept her to race with Tammaro.

Running only as a 3-year-old, she won her fourth start

before going on to win an allowance and notching back-to-back thirds in the Caesar's Wish Stakes and Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan. Vee Vee Star made three more starts before Ridgely retired her to become a broodmare.

Clever Rache and Vee Vee Star produced their first foals in 2001, as Marconi's mare had a colt by Deposit Ticket and Ridgely's mare foaled a filly by Partner's Hero. When it came time to breed them back, a new stallion caught Ridgely's eye.

"Brice kind of stumbled over a freshman sire at Country Life Farm, standing for \$2,500 at the time, and that horse was Malibu Moon," said Marconi. "So we took both of the mares to Malibu Moon."

Vee Vee Star produced a colt, Declan's Moon, who sold as a yearling for \$125,000 to Jay Em Ess Stable at the 2003 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. Ridgely tried to convince Marconi to do the same with Clever Rache's Malibu Moon filly, named Starleena after the breeder's wife, but Marconi stayed the owner until Country Life made a private offer.

"That's still a sore spot. Up until that point, I didn't know how to sell a racehorse, I didn't know what the heck was going on, [but] Country Life wanted to buy her from me, so I sold her," said Marconi. "But I wasn't selling her to Country Life, not at all, I was actually selling her to B. Wayne Hughes, the owner of Spendthrift [Farm]."

"What I learned from Brice early on, when he's playing baseball, [is that] the foul line in the first inning is different from the foul line in the ninth inning, it's always moving. And everyone needs to make some money. So I kind of think that's what happened with Starleena."

The two Maryland-breds broke their maidens on debut just six days apart at Del Mar in July 2004.

"During the workouts, Starleena was just burning up the track, she was a nice filly," said Marconi. "We were sit-

ting here watching it on TVG and damn if she doesn't win by 2 lengths. It just broke our hearts."

"I know my neighbors thought we were killing each other, I mean I screamed so loud," added Star.

Starleena finished seventh in the Sorrento Stakes-G3 in her second start, ending her 2-year-old year, and made just three more starts for Hughes before she was claimed away for \$50,000 by Naveed Chowhan and trainer Bernie Flint. Starleena finished fourth in the 2005 Safely Kept Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3 and second in the 2005 Squan Song Stakes before retiring the following year with a record of 5-1-0 from 17 career starts, earning \$132,474. She later changed hands six times in the Keeneland auction ring, the last to Korean interests in 2012.

Declan's Moon moved right up to graded stakes company as he scored consecutive wins in the Del Mar Futurity-G2, Hollywood Prevue-G3 and Hollywood Futurity-G1 to win the Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old male of 2004. The gelding made 14 more starts over the next four years, winning the 2005 Santa Catalina-G2 and finishing third in the 2006 Vernon O. Underwood-G3, before retiring in 2008 with a record of 6-2-2 from 18 starts and \$705,647 in earnings.

By 2006, Malibu Moon had been moved to Kentucky and his stud fee was \$20,000, but Marconi managed to work out a deal and bred Clever Rache back to him. That December, she sold in foal to Malibu Moon for \$50,000 to Cindy Tucker (agent for Maggie Bryant) as the second-highest priced broodmare of the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic mixed sale.

"As we were walking out, [Daniel] grabs my hand and says, 'I think we just made the biggest mistake of our lives in this business,'" said Star.

The Malibu Moon colt of 2007, bred in Maryland by Bryant and named Rachels Moon, sold for \$160,000 as a weanling and \$285,000 as

a yearling but lost all eight starts.

When Marconi says he got out of the Thoroughbred business after selling Clever Rache, he should add an asterisk to that statement. Though he was out in the sense of owning/breeding, his heart and mind kept playing right along.

"I'd be up at 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock in the morning nicking mares and everything. I like certain mares, [especially] with City Zip, Dixieland Band, In Reality, Icecapade, Relaunch, Fappiano, Raise a Native [in their bloodlines]—I mean I could go on and on," said Marconi. "I'd be up at all sorts of times doing this, especially on weekends, and I always go to dreamhorse.com, it's silly."

By January 2013, he was reeled back in after stumbling across the listing for a free mare named Congaree Princess, at Mountaineer Park.

The 5-year-old Maryland-bred daughter of Congaree and Bill Backer's homebred mare Royal Reception made her first 13 starts for Backer before being claimed away for \$7,500. Congaree Princess had made 31 starts between 2010-12, retiring with a record of 3-4-4 and earnings of \$75,259.

As Marconi did more research, he found Fappiano three generations back on her dam's side and immediately started nicking her to a variety of stallions. Eventually he came to Jump Start, who matched up perfectly with Congaree Princess.

Feeling the stars had aligned, Marconi pulled the trigger.

"So I email this lady—I still have the bill of sale, 'free'—and she says you can have her, all you have to do is pay the transportation fee."

A few hundred dollars later, Marconi owned a broodmare prospect.

"It was January, and it was cold and snowy when we walked her out [of the trailer]. It must have been 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock at night, it was late," said Marconi. "I put her away, she's a pretty big mare, and it



Congaree Princess flashes her stride in the paddock.

seemed like she was OK. Then the next morning, she's lame as hell. So it keeps going back to that foul line."

Damascus Equine Associates' Dr. Peter Radue X-rayed her right front ankle, which revealed a fractured sesamoid. The prognosis left Marconi with two options: euthanasia or 120 days stall rest, with an uncertain outcome after that.

Not ready to give up, Marconi and his sons slowly but surely brought the mare through her stall rest to recover soundly. And in 2015, the plans Marconi had made came full circle as he bred his mare to Jump Start.

Sent to Northview to foal out under the watchful eye of broodmare manager Doris Hogarth, Congaree Princess produced her first foal on May 20, 2016. Marconi named the bay colt after his father Galerio, a World War II veteran, who passed away in 2015.

"I told my dad before he died and the day he died, I don't know if he really understood what I was saying, but I told his wife that I was going to name a horse after him: Galerio," said Marconi. "I thought it was a really strong name and just a perfect name for a racehorse."

After connecting with Sergio Gomez at Northview, Marconi sent Galerio to Gomez's farm for breaking and early training before sending him to Berkley Kern's barn at Pimlico as a 2-year-old.

"Berkley's having a hard time with him because he's a

colt, and he stuck with it for a while, but I get a phone call from him saying something is wrong with Galerio's knee," Marconi said.

Gomez picked up the colt for Marconi and brought him back to Northview, where X-rays turned up nothing. After that, Marconi began his search for a new trainer, and a call from co-worker Joy Bird led him to her niece, Kim Boniface.

"[Kim] goes to Northview, picks Galerio up, watches him for a while and then takes him to Delaware Park," said Marconi. "My son and I [went] up to watch him do a two-minute mile workout [that September] and he was fantastic."

But by the next day, plans had changed.

"Kim calls me at work and says, 'I don't like how his tendon looks.' OK, so this time it's not his knee, it's his tendon," Marconi said. "She contacts the vet that does work for the Bonifaces and the vet says 'maybe you should just bring him back. He's a pretty heavy colt, maybe you should consider cutting him, because he's going to be really heavy on his shoulders,' so I gave him time off."

Gelded and with trainer Kevin Boniface, Galerio finished third in his debut at Delaware Park in May 2019. Second three times that summer, Galerio was risked for a claiming price for the first time in November, finished second again—and was claimed by

trainer Claudio Gonzalez and owner Robert Bone.

"It breaks your heart," said Marconi. "We made a few mistakes with Galerio, we probably shouldn't have dropped him for \$25,000."

Galerio's story was far from over.

After notching one more second to close his 3-year-old season, he returned and broke his maiden by 7½ lengths in a maiden special weight at Laurel Feb. 16. He won a starter at Laurel in March, another one in June, went to Parx Racing and added another in July, and won four of five more starts at Laurel through Dec. 15. The eighth victory came in November, and he was tied with Frost Or Frippery, Greeleys Charm and Combination for the national lead. Ten others had seven wins.

Galerio's \$229,425 in 2020 earnings led the eight-win gang.

"I'm so proud of Galerio," said Marconi. "I'm so proud of that horse because I always thought he was talented, and I still think there could be more room for upside. Every time he wins, Congaree Princess is more valuable. I've been in the winner's circle, my son's been in the winner's circle, my granddaughters have been in the winner's circle. I mean, [there are] so many [of his] races that I'm so proud of."

In another example of the ever-changing nature of racing, trainer Dale Bennett and SAB Stable claimed Galerio out of that November win. Marconi plans to stay connected.

"I talked to Dale, we text and email, and he thinks the world of him. Galerio seems well and he's thinking big things," said Marconi. "I think off of his last race, he deserves a chance, because the horse that he beat, Tattooed, he just lost second place to Harpers First Ride [in the Maryland Million Classic], and Harpers First Ride won the Pimlico Special-G3. And that told me Galerio can handle those horses if given the chance."

Meanwhile, Galerio's younger half-sister Bella Bet-

tina, named in honor of Marconi's mother Betty, made her debut in August as a 2-year-old at Colonial Downs and has made five additional starts. The daughter of Midshipman, also trained by Kevin Boniface, managed a second in her fourth start, a \$40,000 maiden special weight on the turf at Delaware Park in October. She will get the next few months off at Bonita Farm before returning for her 3-year-old season.

Congaree Princess didn't have a foal the past two years, but was carrying a Golden Lad foal for this year. Marconi had initially planned to breed her to Hoppportunity, but the recent successes of Golden Lad's offspring, especially his multiple stakes-winning filly Hello Beautiful, pushed him to overlook the B-rated nick.

The broodmare, who resides on Marconi's farm with a donkey companion, will be

sent to Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, Md., to foal out in the spring.

"I wanted to be closer to Congaree because she keeps getting abscesses in her hooves this year and I don't want her to be at Northview so far away," said Marconi. "I've had to call Dr. Radue twice now on her abscess. I think we've got it cleared now, knock on wood, but I just want to be a little closer."

Inspired by the success of star 2-year-old of 2020 Jackie's Warrior, Marconi plans to breed Congaree Princess to that colt's sire Maclean's Music, while toying with the idea of selling her in foal. And once Bella Bettina has done all she can on the track, Marconi has high hopes for her as a broodmare.

"It's an honor [to breed and race in Maryland]. It's something I don't take lightly. I think it's a good place to

raise a horse. It's got good ground, it has a lot of history behind it," said Marconi. "The breeder bonus, to a breeder and to an owner, is just a godsend. Every time Galerio wins, as long as he runs in Maryland, I get a check. And I'm perfectly happy with that. I have made a good amount of money on that."

He'd like to see racing's reliance on claiming races change, however.

"I think those rules should absolutely be looked at, because [for] a small-time breeder, it's not a cheap game," Marconi said. "You need at least \$50,000 to keep a horse going and do it right. You can't cut corners. The minute you start cutting corners is the minute you're going to hurt that horse or you're not going to achieve what you could."

Though his operation is small, his dreams remain big.

"Bella needs to do something, I think she will," he said. "And Galerio, he needs to keep on going. I mean you never know. But one thing it does—it always supplies hope," said Marconi. "As long as you don't know the answer, you've got hope."

"Galerio's progress reminds me of a great movie that my mom and dad always wanted us to watch as kids, *It's A Wonderful Life*. Everything that happens in life is for a reason and affects others. Without Northview and their team, without Kevin and Kim Boniface and their team, without Claudio and his team, Galerio would have never accomplished the things he has." 🐾

Marconi's first horse One Sock died March 22, 2020. He was 29. Though Marconi hasn't been foxhunting since 2018 due to health issues, he hopes he can get back in the saddle soon.



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Fiya makes it five straight with Claiming Crown win

Rob Masiello's Fiya pushed his win streak to five with a gate-to-wire win in the \$90,000 Claiming Crown Canterbury Stakes at Gulfstream Park Dec. 5.

Fiya broke cleanly from the inside post and took over as he ran the 12-horse field through an opening quarter-mile in :22.15, with Fully Loaded stalking from the outside. Fiya opened up down the stretch to win by 1½ lengths over Fully Loaded, with Harry's Onthe-loose third. After a half-mile in :44.08, final time for 5 furlongs on the turf was :55.63.

Fiya hasn't finished worse than third since his debut a

year ago November, improving to 5-1-1 and \$184,396 from seven starts.

"He really is an incredible turf horse, since we've seen him go from dirt to turf, he just does things so easily," said trainer Tom Albertrani. "From the first day I got him in the barn, I fell in love with him. He got my attention right away and looked like a superstar."

Making his first four starts at Laurel, Fiya kicked off his career last year on the dirt, where he finished third on debut and followed-up a month later with a second to Whiskey and You in December. Return-



Lauren King

ing this June after a nearly seven-month break, Fiya broke his maiden on the turf by 5 lengths in a 6-furlong waiver maiden.

Stepping up to allowance company in July, Fiya made headlines as he rocketed to a 3-length victory in 1:00.99 for 5½ furlongs on the turf, earning a 98 Beyer Speed Figure and sitting just .25 off Laurel's Exceller turf course mark. It was his final start for owner/breeder Ann Merryman and trainer Michael Merryman, who consigned him to the Wanamaker's July online auction, where he was purchased for

\$400,000 by Masiello and sent to Albertrani in New York.

Debuting for his new connections Sept. 20 at Belmont Park, Fiya won a 6-furlong turf allowance and earned a 100 Beyer Speed Figure with a final time of 1:06.70. His success continued in his stakes debut in the Maryland Million Turf Sprint Oct. 24 against older runners, where he returned to Laurel to beat stakes winner So Street.

"Every time he runs, he just seems to run better and better. I think we'll give him a break now and bring him back later next year," Albertrani said.

Fiya is the third foal from Sista, a daughter of Two Punch, who was bred/owned by Ann Merryman and Laura McKin-

ney. Out of four foals produced, Sista has one winner from two starters, and has a 2019 filly by Holy Boss.

Field Pass records third graded score in Ontario Derby

Field Pass had a busy and solid 3-year-old season, and gained his third graded win of 2020 by maneuvering through traffic in Woodbine's \$125,000 Ontario Derby-G3 Nov. 21.

Making his first start at the Canadian track, Field Pass settled into third behind favorite Mighty Heart, who led the field through splits of :24.30

and :47.92. On the final turn, Field Pass was caught behind Malibu Mambo, Mighty Heart and Belichick, rallying from the outside. Field Pass took advantage of a slight gap between inside runner Malibu Mambo and Mighty Heart, driving past Belichick for the 1-length win.

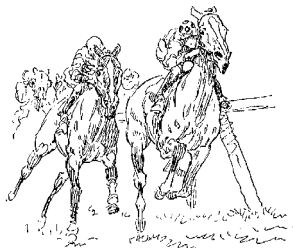
Final time for 1½ miles over Woodbine's all-weather track was 1:48.35, just missing the track mark of 1:48.24 set by Global Access Sept. 28, 2019.

"My planning was that I didn't want to get too forward, but I didn't want to send him to the front," said jockey Kazushi Kimura. "That was the perfect position, just waiting for room."

The well-traveled son of Lemon Drop Kid trained by Mike Maker for Three Diamonds Farm had been worse than third just once in nine sophomore starts, all stakes. He counted additional wins in the Jeff Ruby Steaks-G3 over Turfway Park's all-weather track and the Transylvania

Stakes-G3 on Keeneland's turf in July, as well as Gulfstream Park's Dania Beach in February and Churchill Downs' Audubon Stakes in June. He also recorded consecutive thirds in Churchill Downs' American Turf-G2 in September and Santa Anita's Twilight Derby-G2 in October. His overall record is 6-2-3 from 15 starts, while earning \$553,893.

Bred by Mark Grier, Field Pass was purchased as a yearling for \$37,000 by Owls Bloodstock at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. He is one of two named foals, both winners, out of the winning Runaway Groom mare Only Me.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
August 1 to August 31, 2020

Breeder bonuses

All Aboard Stables—MIRACLE BOBBIE: Aug. 7, 5th race, \$907.50. REIN SUPREME: Aug. 6, 4th race, \$787.50. (\$1,695)
Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—GENNIE HIGHWAY: Aug. 28, 6th race, \$605. HINTING: Aug. 8, 5th race, \$1,417.50. (\$2,022.50)
Lorna L. Baker and Thomas H. Michaels Jr.—LAKI: Aug. 20, 6th race, \$2,887.50.
Barak Farm—DA BOZAK: Aug. 21, 3rd race, \$4,702.50. LECTRIC CHOKE: Aug. 1, 1st race, \$2,137.50. STROLL SMOKIN: Aug. 20, 2nd race, \$4,275. (\$11,115)
Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—BUCKEY'S CHARM: Aug. 21, 6th race, \$2,100.
Patricia Beck and Richard C. Beck—LUDICROUS MODE: Aug. 29, 5th race, \$1,207.50.
Best A Luck Farm LLC—MY FRIENDS BEER: Aug. 6, 6th race, \$1,155.
Best Foot Forward LLC—ALL ABOUT AUDREY: Aug. 22, 3rd race, \$605.
Bonita Farm—CALYPSO GHOST: Aug. 15, 1st race, \$522.50.
Frank A. Bonsal Jr.—LORDHAVEMERCY: Aug. 29, 9th race, \$495.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—PROPER ATTIRE: Aug. 22, 7th race, \$4,702.50.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—RAPIDASHQUEEN: Aug. 13, 7th race, \$605.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dutrow Thoroughbred Enterprises—EASY RIVER: Aug. 8, 9th race, \$3,562.50.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III—HEART HERO: Aug. 20, 9th race, \$495.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—UP AGAINST IT: Aug. 20, 5th race, \$4,132.50.

Phyllis M. Browne—PADRINO'S HEART: Aug. 15, 8th race, \$2,205.
Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—MONA LUNA: Aug. 20, 3rd race, \$5,700.
Buckingham Farm—I LOVE YOU: Aug. 13, 3rd race, \$687.50.
William Andrew Campbell—SEVEN ON THE ROCKS: Aug. 7, 9th race, \$1,470; Aug. 29, 1st race, \$3,990. (\$5,460)
Clover Hill Farm Inc.—ONCE IN A LIFETIME: Aug. 1, 1st race, \$787.50.
Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen—TOUGHEST OMBRE: Aug. 22, 9th race, \$4,275.
Susan S. Cooney—ELEMENTARY: Aug. 8, 3rd race, \$577.50.
Cliff and Mary Cornwell and Country Life Farm—SUPER HOUDINI: Aug. 1, 4th race, \$1,732.50.
Cottonwood Stable LLC—CAN HE SHINE: Aug. 28, 8th race, \$962.50.
Country Life Farm—MAYAN QUEEN: Aug. 21, 9th race, \$3,135.
Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC—FIFTEEN ROYALS: Aug. 22, 8th race, \$1,155.
Country Life Farm and Freedom Child Syndicate—GO AMANDA: Aug. 13, 8th race, \$3,135.
Country Life Farm and Moon Map Broodmare LLC—TOMMY SHELBY: Aug. 14, 8th race, \$1,837.50.
Country Roads Ltd.—ODDS ON: Aug. 29, 3rd race, \$2,137.50.
Dark Hollow Farm—BETCHA BY GOLLY: Aug. 8, 1st race, \$1,100; Aug. 22, 7th race, \$1,732.50.
HOT N SPICY LOVE: Aug. 7, 4th race, \$2,137.50. SECURITY BREACH: Aug. 14, 5th race, \$605. TAUBER: Aug. 29, 1st race, \$770. (\$6,345)
Double NK Partnership and Dennis Jankiewicz—UNSTOPABULL BELLE: Aug. 21, 9th race, \$1,155.

The Elkstone Group LLC—HIGHER PURPOSE: Aug. 27, 1st race, \$2,137.50. TOP LINE GROWTH: Aug. 14, 4th race, \$6,697.50. (\$8,835)
Mary E. Epler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—CRUSH IT: Aug. 14, 8th race, \$962.50.
Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—VOODOO VALLEY: Aug. 22, 2nd race, \$2,137.50.
Everest Stables Inc.—V. I. P. CODE: Aug. 13, 4th race, \$1,312.50; Aug. 28, 2nd race, \$1,312.50. (\$2,625)
Charles D. and Dianne E. Fawley—NICKY BEAR: Aug. 20, 7th race, \$605.
Finn's Nickel, LLC and Anchor and Hope Farm, Inc.—LASTING IMAGE: Aug. 14, 3rd race, \$907.50.
Fitzhugh LLC—PALACE KID: Aug. 1, 6th race, \$945; Aug. 20, 9th race, \$2,565. (\$3,510)
Paul L. Fowler Jr.—STARTING TOUR: Aug. 15, 2nd race, \$3,562.50. TAPPIN CAT: Aug. 7, 8th race, \$6,412.50. (\$9,975)
Charles A. Frock—BARBSGRAY LION: Aug. 22, 4th race, \$412.50.
Robert J. Gerczak—ARBUTUS: Aug. 29, 6th race, \$787.50. DUNDALK: Aug. 28, 8th race, \$1,837.50. LITTLE BAY: Aug. 15, 6th race, \$605. (\$3,230)
Genangus Farm LLC—FIRTH: Aug. 13, 3rd race, \$1,312.50.
Gordonsdale Farm—ELUSIVE MOTION: Aug. 21, 2nd race, \$495.
William R. Gotwals—POLISHED GAL: Aug. 7, 1st race, \$3,277.50.
Greenspring Mares LLC—NAUTICAL NATURE: Aug. 14, 9th race, \$3,277.50; Aug. 29, 7th race, \$1,837.50. (\$5,115)
Michael J. Harrison DVM—JUDI BLUE EYES: Aug. 1, 5th race, \$3,135; Aug. 28, 1st race, \$632.50. (\$3,767.50)
Tiffany Harrison and Justin Harrison—SAN AN-TONE: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$1,100.
Nancy B. Heil—KARAN'S NOTION: Aug. 29, 7th race, \$4,987.50.
Hickory Ridge Farm—RIP RAP RILEY: Aug. 27, 1st race, \$412.50.
Hillwood Stable LLC—BUNTING: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$4,987.50. CALL ME PLUCKY: Aug. 1, 4th race, \$4,702.50. SILVER SIDES: Aug. 20, 1st race, \$787.50. (\$10,477.50)
Holly House Farm—COUSIN JIMMY: Aug. 14, 7th race, \$1,155.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt—QUEEN OF TOMORROW: Aug. 13, 5th race, \$3,990.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt, Theodore Montuori and Richard Palumbo—TATTOOED: Aug. 1, 8th race, \$6,412.50; Aug. 29, 8th race, \$2,362.50. (\$8,775)
Michael and Debbie Horning—MINT GAME: Aug. 8, 5th race, \$3,847.50.

Joanna J. Ingham Trust—I'VE GOTTA PLAN: Aug. 14, 1st race, \$1,155.
Ann B. Jackson—TACO SUPREAM: Aug. 14, 4th race, \$2,467.50.
Jellicoe Creek LLC—MY BOY PADDY: Aug. 28, 3rd race, \$1,100.
R. Larry Johnson—DAY THE MUSIC DIED: Aug. 8, 9th race, \$1,312.50. I'D LIKE TO KNOW: Aug. 15, 6th race, \$1,155. NEVER ENOUGH TIME: Aug. 8, 7th race, \$2,467.50. THUNDERINTHE-VALLEY: Aug. 7, 3rd race, \$495. (\$5,430)
R. Larry Johnson and Legacy Farm—GONE HOME: Aug. 14, 6th race, \$495.
Hope Haskell Jones—DEPOSITORY: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$2,100; Aug. 29, 4th race, \$5,700. (\$7,800)
Harry Kassap LLC—QUIET IMAGINATION: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$1,837.50.
Carol A. Kaye—AIR TOKEN: Aug. 1, 6th race, \$2,565; Aug. 27, 3rd race, \$1,155. BACK CHARGE: Aug. 14, 5th race, \$1,155. SMOKIN HOT FACTOR: Aug. 29, 3rd race, \$787.50. (\$5,662.50)
Gordon Keys—GRATEFUL BRED: Aug. 1, 2nd race, \$2,205.
Joanne P. Krishack—COMMANDING GENERAL: Aug. 7, 5th race, \$4,702.50.
Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—DARE TO PROMISE: Aug. 22, 7th race, \$907.50. MY GIRL BLUE: Aug. 28, 5th race, \$1,100. (\$2,007.50)
Fred T. Lewis Sr. DVM—TRICKY LION: Aug. 8, 6th race, \$412.50.
Estate of Robert T. Manfuso—CAMPARI: Aug. 7, 4th race, \$412.50. CHAUFFEUR: Aug. 7, 5th race, \$1,732.50. FEATURE ACT: Aug. 21, 2nd race, \$945. (\$3,090)
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—LIVE AID: Aug. 6, 7th race, \$3,847.50; Aug. 27, 5th race, \$1,470. (\$5,317.50)
Marathon Farm Inc.—ABUELO PAPS: Aug. 6, 6th race, \$2,205; Aug. 29, 7th race, \$962.50. CHUCK'S DREAM: Aug. 22, 2nd race, \$787.50. CLOSER LOOK: Aug. 20, 5th race, \$1,522.50. WHO U GONNA CALL: Aug. 27, 6th race, \$632.50. (\$6,110)
Daniel E. Marconi—GALERIO: Aug. 14, 8th race, \$4,987.50; Aug. 27, 8th race, \$2,205. (\$7,192.50)
William Meister and Julie Arbogast—ZEN PI: Aug. 6, 1st race, \$742.50.
The Estate of Robert L. Miller—LOOKIN FOR CANDY: Aug. 22, 3rd race, \$3,135.
Mill Hill Stable LLC—MILLIE CHILD: Aug. 21, 1st race, \$945.
MOM Stable—WHAT THE FLASH: Aug. 27, 4th race, \$1,100.
Kevin P. Morgan—TAP THE MARK: Aug. 8, 8th race, \$962.50.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—AMPLIO ESQUEMA: Aug. 28, 9th race, \$1,417.50.
 Audrey R. Murray—PETION LASS: Aug. 15, 5th race, \$2,137.50. POUNDING MUSIC: Aug. 6, 7th race, \$1,417.50. (\$3,555)
 Nancy Lee Farms—EASTERN BAY: Aug. 20, 6th race, \$1,512.50.
 Cynthia Pence and Philip Spingler—NICK PAPA-GIORGIO: Aug. 14, 7th race, \$5,985.
 Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—BETHABARA: Aug. 6, 3rd race, \$1,155; Aug. 28, 6th race, \$3,135. HANALET'S HOUDINI: Aug. 1, 8th race, \$2,362.50; Aug. 29, 8th race, \$6,412.50. MY

CANDY GIRL: Aug. 28, 6th race, \$1,155. PAINT MUSIC FOR ME: Aug. 14, 3rd race, \$1,732.50. (\$15,952.50)
 No Guts No Glory Farm—LITTLE BOLD BANDIT: Aug. 21, 3rd race, \$907.50.
 Carolyn H. Rogers Estate—IN CLASS: Aug. 13, 5th race, \$1,470.
 Roland Farm—SEVILLA SANGRIA: Aug. 8, 4th race, \$1,155; Aug. 22, 3rd race, \$1,155. (\$2,310)
 Timothy J. Rooney—BALLIVOR: Aug. 20, 4th race, \$2,362.50. MONEY FROM HEAVEN: Aug. 20, 8th race, \$2,362.50. (\$4,725)

Sagamore Farm LLC—POLISHED COPPER: Aug. 13, 7th race, \$3,135. START WITH YES: Aug. 14, 7th race, \$2,205. THE ROCK SAYS: Aug. 8, 8th race, \$4,987.50. YOUNGEST OF FIVE: Aug. 1, 2nd race, \$5,985. (\$16,312.50)
 Shamrock Farm—RAN CHAR: Aug. 7, 3rd race, \$945.
 M. Terry Shane—MARGIE'S HEAVEN: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$962.50.
 Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—THE POSER: Aug. 27, 8th race, \$1,155.
 South Branch Equine LLC—GOT YOU BEAT: Aug. 15, 6th race, \$3,135.

ETCHED (Calypso Ghost: Aug. 15, 1st race, \$174.10. Tattooed: Aug. 1, 8th race, \$2,136.65; Aug. 29, 8th race, \$787.19): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—\$3,097.94.
 FREEDOM CHILD Ain't Da Beer Cold: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$1,899.24. Go Amanda: Aug. 13, 8th race, \$1,044.58. Hall Pass: Aug. 6, 2nd race, \$412.34; Aug. 20, 4th race, \$2,136.65. Millie Child: Aug. 21, 1st race, \$314.87): Freedom Child Syndicate—\$5,807.68.
 FRIESAN FIRE (Rip Rap Riley: Aug. 27, 1st race, \$137.45. Who U Gonna Call: Aug. 27, 6th race, \$210.75): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$348.20.

Maryland-bred top earners in 2020

(through December 2)

1. Knicks Go \$608,440	11. Artful Splatter. \$188,717
2. Field Pass. 438,143	12. Street Lute 170,220
3. Harpers First Ride . . . 435,623	13. Karan's Notion 160,846
4. Sharing. 326,451	14. Double Crown 150,625
5. Laki. 235,030	15. Hello Beautiful 150,552
6. Galerio 229,425	16. Majestic Reason 150,000
7. Project Whiskey 199,280	17. Stroll Smokin 146,142
8. Never Enough Time. . . . 198,131	18. Air Token 145,122
9. Pete's Play Call 190,645	19. Monday Morning Qb 140,155
10. Eastern Bay 190,600	20. Nick Papagiorgio 126,377

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Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox—AINT DA BEER COLD: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$5,700.
 Spendthrift Farm LLC—BREVIARY: Aug. 1, 9th race, \$5,985; Aug. 20, 8th race, \$6,412.50. HALL PASS: Aug. 6, 2nd race, \$1,237.50; Aug. 20, 4th race, \$6,412.50. (\$20,047.50)
 John D. Stuart—BELFOUR: Aug. 13, 4th race, \$3,562.50.
 Sweet Spirits Stables, LLC—FILLE D'ESPRIT: Aug. 21, 1st race, \$2,565.
 Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—ARTISTIC REASON: Aug. 8, 8th race, \$1,837.50. BULL SHARK: Aug. 20, 4th race, \$1,237.50. FOLLOW THE DOG: Aug. 7, 8th race, \$1,237.50. GIRL NEXT DOOR: Aug. 8, 2nd race, \$787.50. GIRLS LOVE ME: Aug. 21, 5th race, \$632.50. (\$5,732.50)
 Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—CLOSETOTHEHEART: Aug. 21, 6th race, \$1,100.
 Thornmar Farm LLC—COCONUT CAKE: Aug. 22, 8th race, \$5,985. JUST CHILL OUT: Aug. 22, 2nd race, \$412.50. MINE TO HOLD: Aug. 14, 1st race, \$3,135. ROYAL THUNDER: Aug. 6, 1st race, \$1,417.50; Aug. 28, 7th race, \$4,702.50. YES MEANS NO: Aug. 20, 7th race, \$1,155. (\$16,807.50)
 Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—THAT WOULD BE GRAND: Aug. 29, 9th race, \$2,565.
 Mark Toothaker and Dan White—GREASED-LIGHTNING: Aug. 6, 4th race, \$412.50; Aug. 22, 4th race, \$787.50. (\$1,200)
 Ana C. Vena-Mosby—NATIVE COURAGE: Aug. 15, 9th race, \$742.50.
 Robert S. Vukelic—CROUCHELLI: Aug. 13, 6th race, \$2,205.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr.—DESHACKLED: Aug. 1, 4th race, \$907.50.
 Winners Circle Partners VIII—GOLAZO: Aug. 29, 1st race, \$1,470.
 Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CANNON'S ROAR: Aug. 28, 8th race, \$4,987.50. EXPECT TALK: Aug. 29, 6th race, \$412.50. GRACE ISABELLA: Aug. 15, 2nd race, \$1,312.50. (\$6,712.50)

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BALTIMORE BOB (Arbutus: Aug. 29, 6th race, \$262.40. Little Bay: Aug. 15, 6th race, \$201.59): Robert Gerczak—\$463.99.
 BANDBOX (Bull Shark: Aug. 20, 4th race, \$412.34. Bunting: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$1,661.84. Coconut Cake: Aug. 22, 8th race, \$1,994.20. Follow the Dog: Aug. 7, 8th race, \$412.34. Girl Next Door: Aug. 8, 2nd race, \$262.40. In Class: Aug. 13, 5th race, \$489.80. Queen of Tomorrow: Aug. 13, 5th race, \$1,329.47. Silver Sides: Aug. 20, 1st race, \$262.40. The Poser: Aug. 27, 8th race, \$384.85): Bandbox Syndicate—\$7,209.64.
 BOURBON COURAGE (Native Courage: Aug. 15, 9th race, \$247.40. San Antone: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$366.52. What the Flash: Aug. 27, 4th race, \$366.52): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—\$980.44.
 BUFFUM (Commanding General: Aug. 7, 5th race, \$1,566.87. Starting Tour: Aug. 15, 2nd race, \$1,187.03): Buffum Syndicate—\$2,753.90.
 CAL NATION (Judi Blue Eyes: Aug. 1, 5th race, \$1,044.58; Aug. 28, 1st race, \$210.75): Cal Nation Syndicate—\$1,255.33.
 CUBA (Laki: Aug. 20, 6th race, \$962.12): J&S Stables LLC.
 DESPITE THE ODDS (Gone Home: Aug. 14, 6th race, \$164.93. Odds On: Aug. 29, 3rd race, \$712.22. Up Against It: Aug. 20, 5th race, \$1,376.95): R. Larry Johnson—\$2,254.10.

GOLDEN LAD (Air Token: Aug. 1, 6th race, \$854.66; Aug. 27, 3rd race, \$384.85. All About Audrey: Aug. 22, 3rd race, \$201.59. Margie's Heaven: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$320.71. Once in a Lifetime: Aug. 1, 1st race, \$262.40): Golden Lad Syndicate—\$2,024.21.
 GREAT NOTION (Closer to the Heart: Aug. 21, 6th race, \$366.52. Elementary: Aug. 8, 3rd race, \$192.42. Elusive Motion: Aug. 21, 2nd race, \$164.93. Fille d'Esprit: Aug. 21, 1st race, \$854.66. Grateful Bred: Aug. 1, 2nd race, \$734.71. Karan's Notion: Aug. 29, 7th race, \$1,661.84. Little Bold Bandit: Aug. 21, 3rd race, \$302.38. Miracle Bobbie: Aug. 7, 5th race, \$302.38. Rein Supreme: Aug. 6, 4th race, \$262.40. Zen Pi: Aug. 6, 1st race, \$247.40): Great Notion Syndicate—\$5,089.64.
 HANGOVER KID (Pounding Music: Aug. 6, 7th race, \$472.31): Hangover Kid Syndicate.
 IMAGINING (Heart Hero: Aug. 20, 9th race, \$164.93. Hinting: Aug. 8, 5th race, \$472.31. Lasting Image: Aug. 14, 3rd race, \$302.38. Proper Attire: Aug. 22, 7th race, \$1,566.87. Quiet Imagination: Aug. 21, 8th race, \$612.26): Imagining Syndicate—\$3,118.75.
 KENDALLS BEAR (Nicky Bear: Aug. 20, 7th race, \$201.59): Dianne Fawley.
 LION HEARTED (Barbs Gray Lion: Aug. 22, 4th race, \$137.45. Tricky Lion: Aug. 8, 6th race, \$137.45): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$274.90.
 MOSLER (Depository: Aug. 7, 6th race, \$699.72; Aug. 29, 4th race, \$1,899.24): Country Life Farm, Adele Dilschneider and Seth Hancock—\$2,598.96.
 NICANOR (Ran Char: Aug. 7, 3rd race, \$314.87): Nicanor Syndicate.
 NOT FOR LOVE (Crush It: Aug. 14, 8th race, \$320.71. Easy River: Aug. 8, 9th race, \$1,187.03. Hot N Spicy Love: Aug. 7, 4th race, \$712.22): Not For Love Syndicate—\$2,219.96.
 ORIENTATE (Cannon's Roar: Aug. 28, 8th race, \$1,661.84. Mine to Hold: Aug. 14, 1st race, \$1,044.58): Orientate Syndicate—\$2,706.42.
 OUTFLANKER (Crouchelli: Aug. 13, 6th race, \$734.71. Nick Papagiorgio: Aug. 14, 7th race, \$1,994.20): Outflanker Syndicate—\$2,728.91.
 PETIONVILLE (Petion Lass: Aug. 15, 5th race, \$712.22. Voodoo Valley: Aug. 22, 2nd race, \$712.22): Everest Stables Inc.—\$1,424.44.
 PLAN (I've Gotta Plan: Aug. 14, 1st race, \$384.85. Polished Gal: Aug. 7, 1st race, \$1,092.06): Stronach Group LP—\$1,476.91.
 REDEEMED (Cousin Jimmy: Aug. 14, 7th race, \$384.85): Redeemed Syndicate.
 ROCK SLIDE (Seven On the Rocks: Aug. 7, 9th race, \$489.80; Aug. 29, 1st race, \$1,329.47): Shamrock Farms—\$1,819.27.
 SEVILLE (GER) (Amplio Esquema: Aug. 28, 9th race, \$472.31. Gennie Highway: Aug. 28, 6th race, \$201.59. I Love You: Aug. 13, 3rd race, \$229.08. Mint Game: Aug. 8, 5th race, \$1,281.99. Sevilla Sangria: Aug. 8, 4th race, \$384.85; Aug. 22, 3rd race, \$384.85): Seville Syndicate—\$2,954.67.
 STREET MAGICIAN (I'd Like to Know: Aug. 15, 6th race, \$384.85): R. Larry Johnson.
 SUPER NINETY NINE (Breviary: Aug. 1, 9th race, \$1,994.20; Aug. 20, 8th race, \$2,136.65. Super Houdini: Aug. 1, 4th race, \$577.27. Tommy Shelby: Aug. 14, 8th race, \$612.26): Country Life Farm and Spendthrift—\$5,320.38.
 TRITAP (Rapidashqueen: Aug. 13, 7th race, \$201.59. Tappin Cat: Aug. 7, 8th race, \$2,136.65. Tap the Mark: Aug. 8, 8th race, \$320.71): Tritap Syndicate—\$2,658.95.