

# MESSIER

b, 2019

Enters Stud in 2025  
**Dosage** (12-12-14-0-2); **DI:** 3.44; **CD:** 0.80  
 See gray pages—Polynesian

## RACE AND (BLACK TYPE) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2	4	2(1)	2(1)	0	\$165,600
3	5	1(1)	1(1)	0	\$272,937
4	2	0	0	1	\$17,703
5	4	1(1)	2(1)	0	\$137,450
Totals	15	4(3)	5(3)	1	\$593,690

**Won** At 2  
**Bob Hope S** (G3, \$100,000, 7f in 1:22.74, by 3½, dftg. Forbidden Kingdom, Winning Map, Kamui).  
 A maiden special weight race at SA (\$79,800, 6f in 1:10.26, by 6½, dftg. Don't Swear Dave, Blackadder, Cover Me Up, Godsend, Yogi Boy).

**2nd Los Alamitos Futurity** (G2, 8.5f, to Slow Down Andy, dftg. Barossa, Durante, Olympic Legend).

**Won** At 3  
**Robert B. Lewis S** (G3, \$200,000, 8.5f in 1:42.89, by 15, dftg. Cabo Spirit, Wharton, Sir London, Happy Jack).

**2nd Runhappy Santa Anita Derby** (G1, 9f, to Taiba, dftg. Happy Jack, Armagnac, Win the Day, Forbidden Kingdom).

**Won** At 5  
**Westchester S** (G3, \$175,000, 8f in 1:34.50, dftg. Post Time, Charge It, Winit, Dr Ardito, Whittington Park, Adero).

**2nd Excelsior S** (9f, to Laughing Boy, dftg. Kuchar, Quality Chic, Kinetic Sky, Curbstone, Olympic Dreams, Rocco Strong).

## SIRE LINE

**MESSIER** is by **EMPIRE MAKER**, black-type stakes winner of 4 races, \$1,985,800, Belmont S (G1), Florida Derby (G1), Wood Memorial S (G1), 2nd Kentucky Derby (G1), Jim Dandy S (G2), 3rd Remsen S (G2).  
 To November 19, 2024: Sired 16 crops, 1,602 foals, 1,352 mrs (84%), 901 wnsr (56%), 145 2yo wnsr (9%), 75 BTW (5%), 1.36 AEI, 1.78 Cl, 449 sale yrlds, avg \$212,762, 4.18 TNA.

In 2024: 2 BTW.

**EMPIRE MAKER** has sired **ROYAL DELTA** (champion 3yo filly and champion older female twice, TVG Alabama S, G1, Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, G1 twice, etc.), **PIONEER OF THE NILE** (Santa Anita Derby, G1A, CashCall Futurity, G1A, Robert B. Lewis S, G2A, San Felipe S, G2A, 2nd Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands, G1, 3rd Lane's End Breeders' Futurity, G1A), **GRACE HALL** (Spinaway S, G1, Delaware Oaks, G2, Gulfstream Oaks, G2, Indiana Oaks, G2, Blue Hen S, 2nd Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, G1, etc.), **EMOLLIENT** (Central Bank Ashland S, G1A, Juddmonte Spinster S, G1A, American Oaks, G1T, Rodeo Drive S, G1T, 2nd Gamely S, G1T, Demoiselle S, G2, etc.), **BODEMEISTER** (Arkansas Derby, G1, 2nd Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands, G1, Preakness S, G1, San Felipe S, G2), **MUSHKA** (Juddmonte Spinster S, G1A, Demoiselle S, G2, Glens Falls H, G3T, 2nd Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, G1A, Sheepshead Bay S, G2T, Suwannee River S, G3T, etc.), **ACOMA** (Juddmonte Spinster S, G1A, Mrs. Revere S, G2T, Pin Oak Valley View S, G3T, Azeri S, G3, Early Times Mint Julep H, G3T, Dogwood S, G3, etc.), **QUEEN GODDESS** (American Oaks, G1, TAA Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf Invitational S presented by Pepsi, G3T, Santa Ana S, G3T, Robert J. Frankel S, G3T, 2nd Goldikova S, G2T, Santa Barbara S, G3T, etc., to 6, 2024), **IN LINGERIE** (Juddmonte Spinster S, G1A, Black-Eyed Susan S, G2, Bourbonette Oaks, G3A, 2nd Alabama S, G1, 3rd TVG Coaching Club American Oaks, G1), **COUNTRY STAR** (Darley Alcibiades S, G1A, Hollywood Starlet S, G1A, 2nd El Encino S, G2A), **ICON PROJECT** (Personal Ensign S, G1, New York S, G3, 2nd Delaware H, G2, 3rd La Prevoyante H, G2T, Plantation Stud Aphrodite S), **EIGHT RINGS** (American Pharoah S, G1, 2nd Bing Crosby S, G1, 3rd San Antonio S, G2, San Pasqual S, G2, Native Diver S, G3), **LAST FULL MEASURE** (Madison S, G1A, 3rd Endeavour S, G3T, Cardinal H, G3T), **FEDERALIST** (Nakayama Kinen, G2 in

Empire Maker, dkb/br, 2000 8s, BTW, \$1,985,800 1,602 f, 75 BTW, 1.36 AEI 7.60 AWD	Unbridled, 1987 24s, BTW, \$4,489,475 566 f, 48 BTW, 2.65 AEI	Fappiano, 1977 17s, BTW, \$370,213 410 f, 47 BTW, 4.43 AEI	<b>Mr. Prospector</b> , by Raise a Native
	Toussaud, 1989 15s, BTW, \$551,536 10 f, 7 r, 6 w, 5 BTW	Gana Facil, 1981 19s, wnr, \$85,100 7 f, 6 r, 5 w, 2 BTW	Killaloe, by Dr. Fager
Checked Past, ch, 2010 15s, BTW, \$334,284 4 f, 3 r, 1 w, 1 BTW 7.37 AWD		Smart Strike, 1992 8s, BTW, \$337,376 1,546 f, 136 BTW, 2.07 AEI	Le Fabuleux, by Wild Risk
	Catch the Flag, 2006 Unraced 10 f, 7 r, 5 w, 1 BTW	El Gran Senor, 1981 8s, BTW, \$520,969 399 f, 53 BTW, 2.69 AEI	Charedi, by In Reality
Inbreeding: 4SX3DX5D Mr. Prospector.		Classy 'n Smart, 1981 9s, BTW, \$303,222 9 f, 5 r, 5 w, 4 BTW	Northern Dancer, by Nearctic
	Japan, Nikkan Sports Sho Nakayama Kimpai, G3 in Japan, 2nd Sankei Osaka Hai, G2 in Japan), <b>FRIVOLOUS</b> (Falls City H, G2, Fleur de Lis H, G2, Locust Grove S, 2nd Delaware H, G1, Arlington Oaks, G3A, Arlington Matron S, G3A, etc.), <b>MAGICAL FEELING</b> (Barbara Fritchie H, G2, Sugar Maple S, Regret S, 3rd Humana Distaff S, G1), <b>HAUGHTY</b> (Lake Placid S, G2T, Penn Oaks, 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, G1T, Perfect Sting S), <b>BATTLE PLAN</b> (New Orleans H, G2, 2nd Stephen Foster H, G1), <b>NEFERTINI</b> (Go for Wand H, G2, Monmouth Beach S, 2nd Heafterthen S, 3rd Turnback the Alarm H, G3), <b>ACTING HAPPY</b> (Black-Eyed Susan S, G2, 3rd BetFair TVG Coaching Club American Oaks, G1, BetFair TVG Alabama S, G1), <b>DARING DANCER</b> (Lake George S, G2T, Appalachian S Presented by Japan Racing Association, G3T), <b>BROOCH</b> (Lanwades Stud Ridgewood Pearl S, G2 in Ire, Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S, G3 in Ire, Vincent O'Brien Ruby S, 2nd Kilbooy Estate S, G2 in Ire, 3rd Dance Design S, G3 in Ire), <b>ETERNA MINORU</b> (Aichi Hai, G3 in Japan, 3rd Hakodate Kinen, G3 in Japan), <b>IJIGEN</b> (Tokyo Chunichi Sports Hai Musashino S, G3 in Japan, 3rd Leopard S, G3 in Japan), <b>BELLAMORE</b> (Houston Ladies Classic S, G3, 2nd Santa Maria S, G2, Falls City S, G3, 3rd Juddmonte Spinster S, G1, Rodeo Drive S, G1T, Fleur de Lis S, G2, etc., to 6, 2024), <b>SKY KINGDOM</b> (Tokyo City Cup S, G3 twice, American Flag S, 2nd Cougar II H, G3A twice, 3rd Hollywood Gold Cup H, G1A, etc.), <b>IMODERNISTIC</b> (champion 2yo colt and 3yo colt in PR, to 4, 2024), <b>LA POETISA</b> (champion 3yo filly in Chile), <b>t's So You</b> (champion older female in KSA, 2nd Prix Solitude), etc.	Image of Reality, 1976 26s, BTW, \$211,290 9 f, 8 r, 8 w, 3 BTW	In Reality, by Intentionally
Mahone S, Wonder Where S, 3rd Ontario Matron H, Seagram Cup S, Flaming Page S, Fanfreluche S. Dam of 11 foals, including—		A.P. Indy, 1989 11s, BTW, \$2,979,815 1,184 f, 156 BTW, 2.87 AEI	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, BTW, \$112,171 1,178 f, 182 BTW, 3.91 AEI
	CATCH THE THRILL. 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$290,167, champion 2yo filly in Can, Princess Elizabeth S, 2nd Ontario Lassie S. Dam of <b>CURLIN'S CATCH</b> (\$146,543, Suncoast S, 3rd Fury S), <b>Chic Thrill</b> (\$159,375, 2nd Sweet Briar Too S), <b>Arollercoasterride</b> (\$91,322, 2nd British Columbia Derby, G3, British Columbia Premier's H, G3, to 5, 2024). Granddam of <b>GIVE IT A WHIRL</b> (\$148,125, Bald Eagle Derby, to 3, 2024).	Catch the Ring, 1997 25s, BTW, \$918,314 11 f, 9 r, 7 w, 1 BTW	Classy 'n Smart, 1981 9s, BTW, \$303,222 9 f, 5 r, 5 w, 4 BTW
Cognashene. 6 wins, 3 to 10, \$320,954, 3rd Singspiel S (G3T), Breeders' S.		Seeking the Gold, by Mr. Prospector	A.P. Indy, 1989 11s, BTW, \$2,979,815 1,184 f, 156 BTW, 2.87 AEI
	No Class, by Nodouble		
Finn's Jewel. 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$157,477, 3rd Carotene S. Producer.	Kitten's Boy. Winner at 2 and 3, \$127,061, 3rd Coronation Futurity.	CATCH THE THRILL. 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$290,167, champion 2yo filly in Can, Princess Elizabeth S, 2nd Ontario Lassie S. Dam of <b>CURLIN'S CATCH</b> (\$146,543, Suncoast S, 3rd Fury S), <b>Chic Thrill</b> (\$159,375, 2nd Sweet Briar Too S), <b>Arollercoasterride</b> (\$91,322, 2nd British Columbia Derby, G3, British Columbia Premier's H, G3, to 5, 2024). Granddam of <b>GIVE IT A WHIRL</b> (\$148,125, Bald Eagle Derby, to 3, 2024).	Seattle Slew, by Bold Reasoning
			Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat
4th dam	RADIANT RING. 11 wins, 2 to 4, \$775,478, Matchmaker S (G2T), Woodbine Budweiser Breeders' Cup H twice, Canadian Breeders' Cup S, Natalma S, Nassau S twice, Appalachian S, Palisades S, 2nd Mazarine S (G3), Cardinal H, Nassau S, Jenny Wiley S, 3rd Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S (G1T), Pucker Up S (G3T), Bewitch S (G3T), Canadian Breeders' Cup H, Capital Holding S, Jenny Wiley S, Wonder Where S. Dam of 12 foals, including—	SEEKING THE RING. 3 wins at 3, \$314,515, Labatt Bison City S, Northernette S, 2nd Labatt Woodbine Oaks. Dam of <b>SOUTHERN RING</b> (\$343,998, Ontario Fashion S, G3A, Whimsical S, G3A, Ruling Angel S, 2nd Bessarabian S, G2A, 3rd Sweet Briar Too S, Minaret S).	Seeking the Gold, by Mr. Prospector
			Radiant Ring, by Halo
DIAMOND FEVER. 4 wins at 3, \$175,501, Stanton S, 3rd Sussex S.	Lucky Old Sun. 2 wins, 2 to 4, \$155,791, 2nd Cup and Saucer S, 3rd With Approval S.	Bluegrass Sapphire. Winner at 3, \$100,276, 2nd Blushing K. D. H, 3rd Ricks Memorial S. Producer.	Earth Shadow. Winner at 2 and 3, \$68,269, 3rd Princess Elizabeth S. Producer.
OVAL CUT. Unraced. Producer. Dam of <b>Justleavealone</b> (\$141,422, 2nd My Dear S, Fury S), <b>Flight Deck</b> (\$127,544, 3rd Breeders' S). Granddam of <b>KAUKOKAIPUU</b> (\$297,587, Queenston S, 2nd Marine S, G3A, Prince of Wales S, to 4, 2024).			

**EMPIRE MAKER'S** 2024 black-type stakes winners are **BELLAMORE** (G3), **MESSIER** (G3).  
**EMPIRE MAKER'S** other sons as stallions include **PIONEER OF THE NILE** (818 foals, 56 BTW, 1.72 AEI), **BODEMEISTER** (983 foals, 32 BTW, 1.03 AEI), etc.

## FAMILY

**1st dam**  
**CHECKERED PAST**. 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$334,284, Trillium S twice, 2nd Jammed Lovely S, 3rd River Memories S, Belle Mahone S. Dam of 4 foals, including—  
**MESSIER** (Subject stallion).

**2nd dam**  
**CATCH THE FLAG**. Unraced. Dam of 10 foals, incl.—  
**GOTTA GET AWAY**. 8 wins, 3 to 7, \$206,872.  
**CATCH THE FIRE**. Unraced. Producer. Dam of **Legal Catch** (\$210,221, 2nd Elgin S, to 4, 2024), **King Rosso** (\$80,388, 3rd Cup and Saucer S, to 3, 2024).

**3rd dam**  
**CATCH THE RING**. 7 wins at 3 and 4, \$918,314, champion 3yo filly in Can, Maple Leaf S (G3), Canadian Oaks, Bison City S, Fury S, 2nd Belle

## STUD ANALYSIS

Messier enters stud in 2025. His first foals will arrive in 2026.



# MESSIER

Empire Maker – Checkered Past, by Smart Strike

## THE ONLY SON OF EMPIRE MAKER STANDING IN NEW YORK

- A 3x GSW at ages 2, 3, and 5
- A *TDN Rising Star* following a 6 ½-length MdSpWt victory at Santa Anita.
- Captured the **Bob Hope S. (G3)** at Del Mar as a 2YO in his stakes debut.
- An emphatic 15-length winner of the **Robert B. Lewis S. (G3)** in his 3YO debut at Santa Anita, earning a career high **103 Beyer Speed Figure**.
- G1-placed when second to MG1W Taiba in the **Santa Anita Derby (G1)**.
- Won the **Westchester S. (G3)** at 5, defeating multiple G1-placed millionaire Post Time.
- A **\$470,000** purchase at Fasig-Tipton—the highest-priced Empire Maker yearling in 2020

Nominated to:



**2025 FEE: \$5,000**

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