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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 2, 2025: Sired 16 crops, 1,604 foals, 1,352 mrs (84%), 904 wrns (56%), 145 2yo wrns (9%), 76 BTW (5%), 1.35 AEI, 1.76 CI, 449 sale yrangs, avg \$212,762, 4.08 TNA.

In 2025: 1 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.), **PIONEEROF 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, Sheephead 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.), **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 Pharaoh 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 Japan, Nikkan Sports Sho Nakayama Kimpai, G3 in

	Unbridled, 1987 24s, BTW, \$4,489,475 566 f, 48 BTW, 2.65 AEI 7.60 AWD	Fappiano, 1977 17s, BTW, \$370,213 410 f, 47 BTW, 4.43 AEI Gana Facil, 1981 19s, wrn, \$85,100 7 f, 6 r, 5 w, 2 BTW	Mr. Prospector , by Raise a Native Killaloe, by Dr. Fager Le Fabuleux, by Wild Risk Charedi, by In Reality	
	Toussaud, 1989 15s, BTW, \$551,536 10 f, 7 r, 6 w, 5 BTW	El Gran Senor, 1981 8s, BTW, \$520,969 399 f, 53 BTW, 2.69 AEI Image of Reality, 1976 26s, BTW, \$211,290 9 f, 8 r, 8 w, 3 BTW	Northern Dancer, by Nearctic Sex Appeal, by Buckpasser In Reality , by Intentionally Edee's Image, by Cornish Prince	
	Checkered 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	Mr. Prospector , 1970 14s, BTW, \$112,171 1,178 f, 182 BTW, 3.91 AEI Classy 'n Smart, 1981 9s, BTW, \$303,222 9 f, 5 r, 5 w, 4 BTW	Raise a Native , by Native Dancer Gold Digger, by Nashua Smarten, by Cyane No Class, by Nodouble
		Catch the Flag, 2006 Unraced 11 f, 8 r, 6 w, 1 BTW	A.P. Indy, 1989 11s, BTW, \$2,979,815 1,184 f, 156 BTW, 2.87 AEI Catch the Ring, 1997 25s, BTW, \$918,314 11 f, 9 r, 7 w, 1 BTW	Seattle Slew, by Bold Reasoning Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat Seeking the Gold, by Mr. Prospector Radiant Ring, by Halo

Inbreeding: 4SX3DX5D Mr. Prospector.

Japan, 2nd Sankei Osaka Hai, G2 in Japan), **FRIVOLOUS** (Falls City H, G2, Fleur de Lis H, G2, Locust Grove S, 2nd Delaware H, G1, Arlington Oaks, G3A, Arlington Matron S, G3A, etc.), **MAGICAL FEELING** (Barbara Fritchie H, G2, Sugar Maple S, Regret S, 3rd Humana Distaff S, G1), **HAUGHTY** (Lake Placid S, G2T, Penn Oaks, 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, G1T, Perfect Sting S), **BATTLE PLAN** (New Orleans H, G2, 2nd Stephen Foster H, G1), **NEFERTINI** (Go for Wand H, G2, Monmouth Beach S, 2nd Heatheren S, 3rd Turnback the Alarm H, G3), **ACTING HAPPY** (Black-Eyed Susan S, G2, 3rd BetFair TVG Coaching Club American Oaks, G1, BetFair TVG Alabama S, G1), **DARING DANCER** (Lake George S, G2T, Appalachian S Presented by Japan Racing Association, G3T), **BROOCH** (Lanwades Stud Ridgewood Pearl S, G2 in Ire, Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S, G3 in Ire, Vincent O'Brien Ruby S, 2nd Kilboy Estate S, G2 in Ire, 3rd Dance Design S, G3 in Ire), **ETERNA MINORU** (Aichi Hai, G3 in Japan, 3rd Hakodate Kinen, G3 in Japan), **UJIGEN** (Tokyo Chunichi Sports Hai Musashino S, G3 in Japan, 3rd Leopard S, G3 in Japan), **BELLAMORE** (Houston Ladies Classic S, G3, 2nd Santa Maria S, G2, Falls City S, G3, 3rd Juddmonte Spinster S, G1, etc.), **SKY KINGDOM** (Tokyo City Cup S, G3 twice, American Flag S, 2nd Cougar II H, G3A twice, etc.), **MODERNISTIC** (champion 2yo colt and 3yo colt in PR, to 5, 2025), **LA POETISA** (champion 3yo filly in Chile), **It's So You** (champion older female in KSA, 2nd Prix Solitude), etc.

EMPIRE MAKER'S 2025 black-type stakes winner is **WORCESTER**.

EMPIRE MAKER'S other sons as stallions include **PIONEEROF THE NILE** (818 foals, 56 BTW, 1.72 AEI), **BODEMEISTER** (996 foals, 35 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 11 foals, incl.—

GOTTA GET AWAY. 8 wins, 3 to 7, \$206,872.

CATCH THE FIRE. Unraced. Producer. Dam of **Legal**

Catch (\$290,896, 2nd Elgin S, to 5, 2025), **King Rosso** (\$149,443, 3rd Cup and Saucer S, to 4, 2025).

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 Mahone S, Wonder Where S, 3rd Ontario Matron H, Seagram Cup S, Flaming Page S, Fanfreluche S. Dam of 11 foals, including—

CATCH THE THRILL. 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$290,167, champion 2yo filly in Can, Princess Elizabeth S, 2nd Ontario Lassie S. Dam of **CURLIN'S CATCH** (\$146,543, Suncoast S, 3rd Fury S), **Chic Thrill** (\$159,375, 2nd Sweet Briar Too S), **Arollercoasteride** (\$94,302, 2nd British Columbia Derby, G3, British Columbia Premier's H, G3, to 6, 2025). Granddam of **GAS ME UP** (\$370,262, bet365 King Edward S, G2T, 3rd Rogers Woodbine Mile S, G1T, to 5, 2025), **WHITE ROCKS** (\$174,994, Cincinnati Trophy S, to 3, 2025), **GIVE IT A WHIRL** (\$149,245, Bald Eagle Derby, to 4, 2025).

Cognashene. 6 wins, 3 to 10, \$320,954, 3rd Singspiel S (G3T), Breeders' S.

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.

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 **SOUTHERN RING** (\$343,998, Ontario Fashion S, G3A, Whimsical S, G3A, Ruling Angel S, 2nd Bessarabian S, G2A, 3rd Sweet Briar Too S, etc.).

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 D. H, 3rd Ricks Memorial S. Producer.

Earth Shadow. Winner at 2 and 3, \$68,269, 3rd Princess Elizabeth S. Producer.

SPLIT THE ARROW. Placed at 3. Dam of **FOREST**

UPROAR (\$286,328, Marie G. Krantz Memorial H, 2nd Belle Geste S, Blushing K. D. Handicap, 3rd Ontario Colleen S, Bayou H, Wonder Where S, Carotene S, Allen LaCombe Memorial H), **Quiet Jungle** (\$251,066, 2nd Nassau S, G2T, 3rd Dance Smartly S, G2T, Bison City S), **Arrow's Conquest** (\$205,122, 3rd Ontario Jockey Club S). Granddam of **ONDINE** (\$186,362, Beverly J. Lewis S, 3rd La Canada S, G2, Hollywood Oaks, G2A).

OVAL CUT. Unraced. Producer. Dam of **Justleaveitalone** (\$141,422, 2nd My Dear S, Fury S), **Flight Deck** (\$127,544, 3rd Breeders' S). Granddam of **KAUOKAIPU** (\$297,587, Queenston S, 2nd Marine S, G3A, Prince of Wales S).

STUD ANALYSIS

Messier entered 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.
- First foals in 2026

Nominated to:



2026 FEE: \$5,000 S&N

Owner: A Syndicate

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