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Breeders Mike Carroll and John C. Harvey Jr. hit Breeders' Cup paydirt with Maryfield

Sometimes breeders have to wait a long time to see their labor blossom to fruition. On other occasions they have to wait a *really* long time. But for Mike Carroll and John C. Harvey Jr., the wait was quite worth it when Maryfield came into her own as a 6-year-old in 2007, winning the Ballerina Stakes (gr. I) at Saratoga, the Distaff Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. II) at Aqueduct, and the inaugural Breeders'

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Mike Carroll, left, and John Harvey Jr. were the TOBA Canadian breeders of the year

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1	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Belair Farm	\$2,000	106/66	1/1	1/1	(Field Commission, \$218,869)	\$2,089,326	290	14	1.34	1.15
2	THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms	\$2,000	80/40	1/2	0/1	(Ruffararoundtheedges, \$137,820)	\$871,070	160	4	0.61	1.02
3	SYNCLINE (97, Danzig), McMaster Farm	\$1,500	34/13	1/4	0/1	(Sugar Bay, \$528,359)	\$842,610	64	1	1.05	0.99
4	DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm	\$2,500	66/28	1/3	1/1	(Valley Loot, \$140,043)	\$652,955	284	9	0.97	1.10
5	MEADOW PRAYER (95, Meadowlake), Arnold Farms	\$1,500	23/14	4/4	3/4	(Bucky's Prayer, \$94,575)	\$481,851	60	6	1.25	0.78

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JEFFREY SWIDER

Maryfield wins the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Monmouth Park

Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Monmouth Park on the way to capturing champion female sprinter honors on the season.

For their efforts, the two men earned the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association Canadian Breeders of the Year award for that season.

Carroll and Harvey co-bred Maryfield out of the Desert Wine mare Sly Maid, whom they purchased for \$50,000 with partner Robyn's Nest Farm at the 1997 Keeneland January sale. Sly Maid was a stakes-placed, five-time winner at the races. Shortly afterward, Carroll and Harvey bought out Robyn's Nest.

Sly Maid produced six live foals for them, including Canadian grade III-placed Quiet. They decided to send Sly Maid to Elusive Quality, and the product of that mating, Maryfield, was purchased by Jim and Alice Sapara's Winsong Farms for \$80,000 at the 2002 Keeneland September yearling sale out of the Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, consignment. Maryfield was bred in Ontario, making her the fourth Canadian-bred Breeders' Cup winner, following Awesome Again, Chief Bearhart, and Dance Smartly.

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1	CARTWRIGHT (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2005	103/52	0/0	0/0	(Carts Italian Rose, \$47,205)	\$1,050,287	*437	16	0.92	0.85
2	FRIENDLY LOVER (88, Cutlass), Three Way Horse Farm	\$2,500	78/36	0/0	0/0	(Hands On, \$69,126)	\$944,378	433	11	1.11	1.11
3	UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	71/44	0/0	0/0	(Unreal Rocket, \$93,709)	\$924,752	593	29	1.12	1.19
4	CALLER I. D. (89, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	57/22	1/1	1/1	(Big City Pat, \$104,620)	\$827,292	*507	21	0.97	1.39
5	DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister), Fairberry Farm	\$2,500	26/17	1/1	0/1	(Screen to Screen, \$235,360)	\$729,643	40	1	1.37	1.04
6	FAPPIE'S NOTEBOOK (97, Notebook), Fairberry Farm	\$1,000	28/20	1/1	0/1	(J's Sundance Halo, \$119,786)	\$657,135	46	1	0.95	0.84
7	CLASSIFIED FACTS (93, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2005	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Twin Buttes, \$75,613)	\$456,155	113	1	1.28	0.91
8	ROANOKE (87, Pleasant Colony), Three Way Horse Farm	N/A	25/10	1/1	0/1	(Preemptive Strike, \$67,000)	\$331,574	*407	12	1.03	1.19
9	ALASKAN FROST (88, Copelan), Willow Ridge Ranch	N/A	42/22	0/0	0/0	(Indigo Ice, \$34,561)	\$314,436	267	8	1.03	0.97
10	DENOUNCER (90, Tsunami Slew), High Prairie	N/A	17/9	1/1	1/1	(Denouncer's Gal, \$90,507)	\$308,306	47	2	1.16	0.96

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Maryfield's career began slowly, as she made one start as a 2-year-old and just two more at age 3, breaking her maiden in the second outing of the year. In her 4-year-old campaign, she was a useful allowance runner at Woodbine.

She was claimed by trainer Doug O'Neill for \$50,000 in her first start as a 5-year-old at Santa Anita. In March of that year, 2006, she won her first stakes, the Flower Girl Handicap, then placed in the Bug Brush Stakes, the Desert Stormer Handicap, and the A Gleam Invitational Handicap (gr. II). Returning to Woodbine in September 2006, she ran second behind Hide and Chic in the Seaway Stakes (Can-III) and won the Emirates Airline Very Subtle Stakes at Churchill Downs, setting her up for her championship season.

Carroll said that when planning the mating that produced Maryfield, he was attracted to sons of Gone West.

"It looked like it was going to be a popular sire line," he noted, "and that was my reasoning behind jumping aboard Elusive Quality, who had shown speed and was a quick horse. Then Maryfield came along, and it was something beyond my wildest dreams."

Carroll is no stranger to good horses. After showing hunters and jumpers around Ontario, he traveled to Kentucky to work at Robert Sangster's Creek View Farm. He returned to Canada and accepted a position as broodmare foreman at Windfields Farm near Oshawa, where he stayed for seven years before renting a

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1	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm	\$3,000	79/27	1/2	0/1	(Tortuga Flats, \$181,960)	\$791,894	*421	12	0.84	1.14
2	CROWN AMBASSADOR (94, Storm Cat)	Pnsd	51/21	1/1	1/1	(Nightly Ritual, \$111,700)	\$582,749	152	11	0.89	0.97
3	CENTURY CITY (IRE) (99, Danzig), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Joannie Not Jo, \$67,604)	\$392,421	*97	0	0.53	1.55
4	BLACK MOONSHINE (87, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	25/16	1/1	1/1	(Brean Can, \$58,440)	\$390,310	67	3	0.92	0.79
5	MORO ORO (93, Moro), L/J Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Mo Faster, \$52,048)	\$376,586	86	2	0.69	0.76
6	PRESIDENTIAL ORDER (93, Danzig), M.C. Roberts Racing Stable	Died, 2008	30/14	0/0	0/0	(Theresnojustice, \$33,697)	\$259,435	101	5	0.62	0.73
7	WILD DEPUTY (93, Wild Again), WinRich Farms	\$900	36/14	1/1	0/1	(Twinpost, \$41,940)	\$249,256	146	3	0.68	0.84
8	WAKI WARRIOR (89, Miswaki), Foot Fall Farm	\$1,000	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Stone Warrior, \$24,048)	\$200,251	111	2	0.57	0.64
9	WHITNEY TOWER (91, Storm Bird), Green Gables Stud	Died, 2008	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Geordie, \$88,700)	\$193,572	233	2	0.73	1.03
10	FAST FERDIE (92, Ferdinand)	N/A	13/4	1/1	1/1	(Check in Advance, \$77,550)	\$183,803	32	2	0.78	0.79
11	CLASSY PROSPECTOR (94, Mr. Prospector), Dailey Double Farm	\$500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Classy Brute, \$31,660)	\$157,028	46	0	0.50	0.93
12	ARROMANCHES (93, Relaunch)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Caixa Eletronica, \$53,781)	\$155,357	28	0	0.63	0.52
13	JACQUELYN'S GROOM (88, Runaway Groom)	N/A	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Blue Groom, \$23,610)	\$147,054	108	0	0.46	0.56
14	SOLD TO WALLSTREET (96, Wall Street Dancer), MB Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Wallstreet Charlie, \$46,265)	\$140,852	9	0	0.78	0.69
15	COMMEMORATE (81, Exclusive Native), House's Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	26/6	0/0	0/0	(No Sass, \$36,605)	\$130,018	*425	9	1.03	1.52

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farm and entering the boarding business. He currently owns 100-acre Grandview Farm near Belwood, Ontario, home to more than 55 head of horses.

Harvey, who currently lives in Paris, Ky., grew up just outside Boston and became interested in horses because his family lived just a mile away from the South Weymouth Fair, which was part of a fair circuit in the Massachusetts area that boasted horse racing.

"The sights and sounds have stayed with me to this day," said Harvey. "The seed was planted there and the interest began. I always thought I would get involved and invest in the business one day."

After studying accounting in college, Harvey worked in financial services for a commercial bank for 24 years, after which he made his first purchase in the horse business. Harvey's success is even more amazing considering the size of his operation. He currently owns exactly one mare, Queen's Code, who is boarded at Carroll's farm. The most mares he's ever had at one time is four.

"I do a little bit of everything on a small scale," Harvey said. "I breed Queen's Code every year and try to sell at Keeneland Sep-

tember, and what I don't sell I put into training with my girlfriend, Tanya Boulmetis. I've done a little bit of pinhooking and bought young horses at sale. We try to keep everything small, manageable, and, hopefully, enjoyable."

In addition to the success of the partnership with Maryfield, Carroll also bred Mrs. Began, a Jump Start filly who took the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Woodbine in 2007, and who placed in the Shady Well Stakes at the same track.

Carroll and Harvey met after the latter journeyed to Toronto on business in the early 1990s and lived there for six years. He invested in a yearling with a partner who was doing business with Carroll.

"He is a consummate horseman and also a great businessman," noted Harvey.

The day that Maryfield won the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Monmouth, the weather was rainy and foggy and the track sloppy. Carroll said he thought he saw Maryfield moving on the outside as the field turned for home, but Harvey thought she

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2	APPEALING SKIER (93, Baldski)	N/A	46/19	0/0	0/0	(Morethanclever, \$100,950)	\$710,750	229	5	0.98	1.12
3	DEMIDOFF (90, Mr. Prospector), Waverly Stallion Station	\$2,800	54/27	3/6	2/3	(Silver Stairs, \$111,982)	\$701,634	203	19	1.08	0.86
4	GHAZI (89, Polish Navy), Boehlke Farm	\$2,000	68/26	1/1	0/1	(King Jock, \$128,985)	\$545,118	395	18	1.01	1.33
5	SHOT OF GOLD (95, Jolie's Halo), Dove Hill Farm	\$1,200	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Shot of Silver, \$60,483)	\$336,798	63	0	0.54	0.76
6	SUPREMO (92, Gone West)	N/A	19/7	1/1	1/1	(Happy Henrietta, \$80,093)	\$307,331	*399	6	0.78	1.18
7	SEATTLE SYN (98, Seattle Slew), Roger & Jaqueline Lambert	N/A	7/2	2/2	2/2	(Cool Ventura, \$148,559)	\$235,148	20	3	1.08	0.63
8	MOCHA EXPRESS (94, Java Gold), Epona Farm	\$1,500	22/7	0/0	0/0	(Saygoodnightgracie, \$52,697)	\$189,584	66	0	0.43	0.66
9	KYLE'S OUR MAN (88, In Reality)	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Inquisitive, \$24,485)	\$105,996	*284	8	0.73	0.96
10	TAHKODHA HILLS (97, Prospector's Halo), Timberlake Stable	\$1,000	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Hills of Roses, \$25,837)	\$101,388	40	0	0.39	0.44
11	LATE EDITION (95, Cryptoclearance), Osborne Farm	\$1,250	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Brother O Mine, \$28,252)	\$94,909	33	0	0.38	0.40
12	DIXIE POWER (91, Dixieland Band), Hidden Lake Farm	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Unbridled Ann, \$28,818)	\$86,061	115	0	0.65	0.85
13	BALLADO CHIEFTAN (00, Saint Ballado), Cleary Lake Equine Center	\$1,250	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Lady of Mischief, \$52,075)	\$84,005	16	0	0.63	0.53
14	VICTOR'S GENT (79, Pukka Gent)	Died	6/2	0/0	0/0	(R J Blue Explodent, \$20,335)	\$51,998	127	7	0.46	0.76
15	POLISHED BRASS (95, Dixie Brass)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Polished Britely, \$27,285)	\$46,605	12	0	0.56	0.68

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was stuck down inside.

"I said, 'No, she's running clear on the outside and she's going to win,'" Carroll said. "I can't tell you how exciting it was. For a small breeder to get a Breeders' Cup winner, and then having her go on and win the Eclipse Award, it was a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Carroll said that in choosing mares to buy, he looks most carefully at conformation and size.

"I'm very particular about the mare having a good leg. You can't take a chance, in my opinion, buying a crooked mare in case she throws a bad foal for you. You can breed a bad horse without trying, so why buy something with problems in the first place? She has to have size and substance because everybody is looking for a big yearling, and to get true value, they have to have size. No matter the pedigree, if she doesn't have conformation and size, I won't buy her. Coming from a jumper background, I want a good-looking mare to start with."

Added Harvey, "Our philosophy in choosing mares is we like mares that have run, that have stayed sound, and that have retired sound. Sly Maid had very clean legs. And she was by Desert Wine, who is a little bit of an underrated broodmare sire. Mike is a stickler for conformation; he won't sacrifice on that, and his philosophy has worked out pretty well."

Carroll shops for mares in November and January in Kentucky, and keeps his purchases mostly in the \$75,000-\$100,000 range, with the mare in foal to a \$20,000-\$30,000 stud.

"I prefer to buy a young mare carrying her first foal, so you have a couple of years of dreaming on her before reality hits," Carroll stated. "If you buy a second or third foal, when you go to sell your baby, you could have two or three blanks on the mare's produce record already. So I like maiden mares or those that have produced a good horse."

"It's the same with stallions. I'm cautious about buying into third-year stallions in case they go the wrong way. Those horses on the bubble are likely to go the wrong way on you, so I'll breed to either a first-year stud who is hot, or a proven horse. We breed about 75% of our mares in Kentucky."

Carroll's clients at Grandview include Dr. Richard Lister, who has campaigned good fillies such as Danceroftherealm, who won the Giant's Causeway Stakes at Keeneland and two stakes at Fair Grounds in 2008; and Tell It as It Is, who took down a pair of Woodbine stakes and ran third in the Falls City Handicap (gr. II) at Churchill Downs in 2008. Shannon Farms near Vancouver keeps the grade I-winning mare Devil's Orchid, who has produced two stakes winners, including 2005 Grey Breeders' Cup (Can-III) vic-

tor Unification, at Grandview, which is about an hour's drive west of Toronto. Clients Ken Parsley and Rick Pettifer have My Vintage Port, the 2003 Canadian champion 2-year-old filly and five-time stakes-winning earner of \$734,353, at Grandview.

"It was an incredible feeling to be fortunate enough to breed a horse like Maryfield and see her run at the Breeders' Cup," noted Harvey. "It was pouring rain; we were standing ankle deep in mud on the track, but we were oblivious to all that."

"When you breed a horse, you always hope you're going to get a good runner and to receive these breeders' awards; it's achieving a dream or goal you hope may happen someday. We don't have a lot of eggs in the basket, but we try to make the eggs we have count."

Added Carroll, "Maryfield had a big heart and ran hard all the time. The nice thing is you read a nice story like hers and it gives every small breeder, and every small owner, hope. Every once in a while you need a pat on the back. I'm just a small breeder from Ontario, and that was something beyond my wildest dreams. It was the most exciting time, and I still get excited today just thinking about it." ¶

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