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Arika Everatt-Meeuse and friends
at Shannondoe Farm

*Ontario's
Shannondoe
Farm boasts
long-term success*

BY JENNIFER MORRISON | PHOTOS BY DAVE LANDRY

ARIKA EVERATT-MEEUSE SETTLES into her office chair at her Shannondoe Farm in the southwestern Ontario city of St. Thomas in the 12th month of another year of breeding and selling Thoroughbreds.

"Someone asked me today, 'Is this your quiet time now?'" said Everatt-Meeuse with a laugh. "I thought, 'well, yes, I guess it is, a whole 30 days.'"

As it nears 50 years since James and Janeane Everatt purchased their first

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							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	Private	29/14	3/3	3/3	(Unbridled Class, \$255,695)	\$1,091,305	59	8	1.54	1.11
2	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Haffner Farm	\$1,000	65/29	0/0	0/0	(Cake Pop, \$59,360)	\$850,255	348	6	0.75	1.09
3	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	59/31	1/1	1/1	(Bold Rally, \$58,653)	\$844,413	*193	3	0.74	1.30
4	READY'S IMAGE (05, More Than Ready), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	56/25	1/1	0/1	(Mannford, \$87,530)	\$810,927	*386	7	0.84	1.12
5	GREELEY'S CONQUEST (04, Mr. Greeley), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	27/16	1/1	0/1	(Pretty Greeley, \$133,143)	\$719,711	68	1	0.79	0.90
6	SANGAREE (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	21/13	0/0	0/0	(First Lady Maggie, \$111,731)	\$660,318	48	0	1.07	0.81
7	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	47/12	0/0	0/0	(Split My Pants, \$89,504)	\$646,140	110	2	0.96	1.19
8	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Operation Stevie, \$226,785)	\$619,288	67	4	1.01	1.15
9	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	27/14	1/1	0/1	(Completed Pass, \$150,355)	\$594,231	126	7	1.00	1.02
10	TURBO COMPRESSOR (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	21/11	2/3	1/2	(First Deal, \$175,005)	\$517,071	44	2	0.82	1.06
11	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	21/8	1/1	1/1	(Double Tuff, \$124,160)	\$407,715	40	2	0.97	0.79
12	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian)	N/A	41/13	0/0	0/0	(Classy Crossing, \$70,432)	\$345,767	126	0	0.38	0.72
13	NOBLE'S PROMISE (07, Cuvee)	Died, 2018	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Fireball Baby, \$108,159)	\$328,590	30	3	1.14	0.86
14	MR. MABEE (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/4	1/1	1/1	(Expect Indy, \$179,550)	\$285,677	73	1	0.81	0.84
15	COLONIAL COLONY (98, Pleasant Colony)	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Solitaire Game, \$96,810)	\$283,934	91	0	0.57	0.49

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1	SILENT NAME (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	100/57	3/5	1/3	(Summer Sunday, \$241,047)	\$2,779,570	*420	25	1.45	1.25
2	OLD FORESTER (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	103/52	2/7	1/2	(Pink Lloyd, \$376,975)	\$2,590,655	455	18	1.44	1.44
3	SOUPER SPEEDY (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	44/18	5/7	4/5	(Speedy Soul, \$267,352)	\$1,437,395	74	6	2.11	1.56
4	SIGNATURE RED (06, Bernstein), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	36/21	3/5	3/3	(Red Cabernet, \$120,259)	\$926,807	76	5	1.56	1.05
5	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	47/30	0/0	0/0	(Undercover Cat, \$71,691)	\$900,296	359	9	1.29	1.32
6	IMPERIALISM (01, Langfuhr)	Died, 2019	31/10	1/2	0/1	(Imperial Hint, \$616,500)	\$881,848	246	5	0.86	0.97
7	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again)	Pnsd	58/27	1/2	1/1	(Kingsport, \$96,673)	\$867,122	*598	24	1.18	1.40
8	GOING COMMANDO (00, Unbridled's Song), Ziprick Thoroughbreds	\$1,250	22/9	2/3	0/2	(Escape Clause, \$502,600)	\$769,333	90	4	0.93	0.90
9	NOT BOURBON (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	\$3,500	40/19	0/0	0/0	(Broadway Bonnie, \$117,229)	\$727,330	106	2	1.10	1.34
10	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells)	Pnsd	36/22	0/0	0/0	(Full Extreme, \$78,545)	\$596,678	*414	13	1.18	1.34
11	LEONNATUS ANTEAS (04, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2018	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Foxy Belle, \$196,095)	\$546,807	96	2	0.95	1.12
12	SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN (03, Not Impossible), Shannondoe Farm	\$7,500	25/8	2/2	2/2	(Gun Society, \$131,801)	\$545,025	74	6	2.14	1.41
13	SUNGOLD (02, A.P. Indy), Flying Horse Farm	Private	21/10	4/5	1/4	(Infinite Patience, \$158,436)	\$497,432	65	9	0.79	1.02
14	¶ FRAC DADDY (10, Scat Daddy), Park Stud	\$5,000	16/8	1/2	1/1	(Owlette, \$174,157)	\$478,215	30	1	1.62	1.33
15	SECOND IN COMMAND (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	48/22	0/0	0/0	(Khaiky's Command, \$34,108)	\$459,948	149	6	0.67	0.80

Thoroughbred, daughter Arika, who now manages the picturesque 60-acre farm as well as oversees their Colton Springs Farm near Paris, Ky., has continued Shannondoe's remarkable longevity as one of Canada's top commercial breeding operations.

The Ontario breeding industry has weathered many storms, and 2019 was a "tough year" for the farm, said Everatt-Meeuse, but the excitement of planning a mating, raising and selling a horse, and then watching him win

at the races has never wavered.

"At Shannondoe, nothing has changed with how we raise our horses and what we raise," said Everatt-Meeuse. "We don't miss too many sales; we have breeding stock, weanlings, yearlings, and mares off the track. I'm always keeping my eyes open, watching entries and looking for young mares. I still love to do it old school."

The Shannondoe property did not start as a horse farm when the Everatts purchased it in 1963. It was originally a trout hatchery called Shadow Brook that produced more than one million fish annually. James, a construction worker, and Janeane, a nurse, maintained the trout farm for 10 years before tough winter storms led to the end of that business.

A horse lover who owned some American Saddlebreds, Janeane suggested James buy a Thoroughbred mare for \$3,500 in 1971. When they sold the offspring for \$7,500, they began to immerse themselves in the business.



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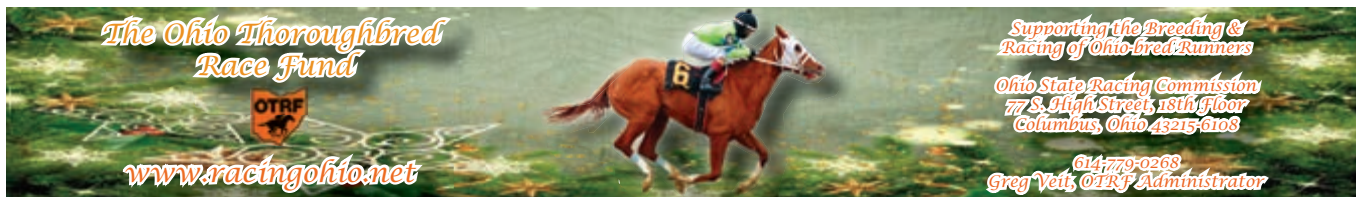


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1	ITSMYLUCKYDAY (10, Lawyer Ron)	\$2,000	87/47	2/3	1/2	(Itsmyluckycharm, \$153,921)	\$1,727,941	128	2	0.86	1.11
2	COWTOWN CAT (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	45/27	0/0	0/0	(Tiger Blood, \$158,880)	\$1,531,675	223	5	1.14	1.19
3	BIONDETTI (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	58/33	0/0	0/0	(Biondetti's Choice, \$68,269)	\$1,013,224	140	1	0.76	1.30
4	FORT LARNED (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	54/33	1/1	0/1	(Alpha to Omega, \$90,855)	\$950,473	*118	2	0.86	1.33
5	AWESOME PATRIOT (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	61/31	0/0	0/0	(Can't Hide From Me, \$74,866)	\$905,421	*165	1	1.07	1.02
6	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	19/5	1/3	0/1	(Starship Jubilee, \$604,929)	\$751,758	81	2	1.26	1.02
7	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	29/13	1/1	1/1	(Mobil Solution, \$187,850)	\$718,785	*198	5	1.26	1.25
8	FACTUM (08, Storm Cat), Cedar Brook Farm	Private	49/19	1/1	0/1	(Gato Guapo, \$125,822)	\$714,923	111	1	0.56	1.32
9	CORFU (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$1,500	23/17	0/0	0/0	(Taylor's in Orbit, \$85,200)	\$636,744	39	0	1.01	0.90
10	KETTLE CORN (07, Candy Ride), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	31/14	0/0	0/0	(Corn Off the Cob, \$86,230)	\$617,859	53	0	0.84	1.23
11	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike)	N/A	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Edge of Night, \$143,250)	\$449,054	184	7	0.66	0.76
12	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	13/5	1/3	0/1	(Extravagant Kid, \$262,475)	\$429,846	54	1	1.05	1.47
13	VERTIFORMER (07, Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Verissimo, \$173,100)	\$427,893	15	0	1.47	0.54
14	CITY WEEKEND (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	24/10	0/0	0/0	(Rooster, \$134,713)	\$420,049	117	1	0.74	0.90
15	¶ DANZA (11, Street Boss)	N/A	43/10	0/0	0/0	(Irish Danzing, \$60,900)	\$419,676	84	0	0.45	0.96
16	ALCINDOR (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	16/9	1/1	1/1	(Play Ball, \$97,526)	\$390,446	*34	1	1.31	1.56
17	PARENTS' REWARD (98, Mr. Prospector)	Pnsd	6/6	1/1	1/1	(Leona's Reward, \$255,450)	\$381,983	59	4	1.18	0.81
18	TIDAL VOLUME (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Firsthand Justice, \$57,483)	\$300,436	45	0	0.64	0.68
19	TWINSPIRED (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	8/6	1/1	1/1	(Hey Adrian, \$101,665)	\$276,716	17	2	1.57	0.71
20	WILLIAM'S KITTEN (07, Kitten's Joy), Diamond Eyes Farm	Private	8/4	1/1	1/1	(Betchaiwill, \$122,980)	\$246,256	15	1	0.91	0.49

James built barns, fences, and the family home to prepare the property for Thoroughbreds.

"Every stall frame, stall door, barn door, and fence post was put in with precision," said Everatt-Meeuse. "We called him the king of perfection."

When Everatt-Meeuse says that she was literally born in the barn, she is not far off, as her parents got her a pony before

she turned 2 years old, and "it was the best babysitter \$35 could buy."

The Everatts launched Shannondoe predominantly as a stallion station, one of the biggest in the province in the early 1980s. They raced offspring of sires such as Fool and His Money, a stakes-winning son of Needles; Clausewitz (grandson of Nashua); Varick (stakes winner by Mr. Prospector); and their most successful stud Mythical

Ruler, a stakes winner from 2 to 6 and a \$300,000 earner by Ruritania.

The family had one of its biggest scores in the sales ring during this time, too, when Gaelic Logic, a Bold Reason mare purchased for \$40,000 sold for \$325,000 in Kentucky soon after her half brother Recitation became a group 1 winner in France.

Gaelic Logic produced a couple of foals for the Everatts before she was sold and

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1	STROLL (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	76/41	3/4	1/3	(Wet Your Whistle, \$225,134)	\$1,937,982	*321	17	1.02	1.24
2	NATIVE RULER (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	30/19	1/1	1/1	(Zella Rose, \$141,981)	\$661,542	67	1	0.91	0.79
3	SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Last Drop of Wine, \$39,705)	\$355,016	92	3	0.60	0.81
4	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	22/8	0/0	0/0	(One Fine Dream, \$59,359)	\$265,549	183	5	0.80	0.88
5	SPANIARD (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Now We Are Nine, \$41,429)	\$251,929	53	0	0.81	1.47
6	JAFMIL (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	9/8	0/0	0/0	(Erratic Behavior, \$57,100)	\$251,512	33	0	0.93	1.12
7	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig)	Died, 2016	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Creative Art, \$31,505)	\$114,216	189	2	0.76	0.73
8	HEART OF THE STORM (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Sagara, \$30,425)	\$99,665	64	1	0.72	0.81
9	CANAVERAL (91, Relaunch)	Pnsd	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Cape McKinzie, \$61,535)	\$83,961	171	2	0.63	0.89
10	NEWPORT (06, More Than Ready), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Polar's Grace, \$26,435)	\$48,947	26	0	0.17	0.96

one of them, Little Beaver, by Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Elocutionist, gave them one of their foundation mares, Mythical Status, or "Granny."

Among the numerous winners produced by Mythical Status was Sand Cove, Canada's 2010 champion older male in Canada and a millionaire who raced for Ralph Johnson and trainer Roger Attfield. Sadly, the horse died from laminitis before he was to enter stud at Shannondoe.

In the 1990s there was Terremoto, a huge, gangly yearling by Varick who was unmarketable, so they kept him to race. The gelding won more than \$700,000, was Canada's champion older male in 1998, and was probably best known as being the last mount of Hall of Fame jockey Sandy Hawley.

Shannondoe expanded in 2003 with the purchase of Colton Springs, a 160-acre farm, while Everatt-Meeuse's own family expanded that decade as she and husband, Tim, welcomed sons Colt and Brayden.

The same year that Sand Cove was named champion, the Everatts-bred Miami Deco, a son of Limehouse, won a classic, the 2010 Breeders' Stakes for owners Jim and Susan Hill.

That might have been a big season for the Everatts, but in 2015 along came Caren, a 2-year-old filly from the first crop of their stallion Society's Chairman.



Everatt-Meeuse with Mike Recio at this year's Keeneland November sale

Produced from one of the Everatts' older mares, Jo Zak, by Vilzak, Caren, a \$45,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling, was a four-time stakes winner at 2 and then dominated her class in 2016 when she was named Canada's Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly. Her owner, Robert Marzilli, who was just getting into racing at the time, now has a select group of broodmares at Shannondoe.

But even with the amazing success of Caren, the farm was plunged into scary times when Ontario horse racing was yanked from the 14-year-old slots-at-race-tracks revenue-sharing program with Ontario Lottery and Gaming by the province.

"We sold a lot of mares, and we were in survival mode," said Everatt-Meeuse.

Since then, the province has been subsidizing the industry, but the number of mares foaling each year has declined sharply and the breeding industry has been on tenuous ground.

"The breeders got left behind, Ontario-sired races got left behind," said Everatt-Meeuse. "There are so many people in Ontario who love what they do and are good at what they do. We have stallions here whose offspring can compete in open company.

"Caren is a poster child; a late April foal by an Ontario sire from an ancient mare. Look at Pink Lloyd (by Old Forester). Anyone

can afford to buy these horses, and fans love the Ontario-sired and -bred horses."

Everatt-Meeuse is encouraged by the introduction of the Mare Recruitment Program by Ontario Racing, which offers bonuses to people who bring mares into the province to foal, and hopes the breeders' awards program remains intact, considering the commercial market in Ontario has been rough on breeders.

"For us, this year's CTHS sale was OK. We had a Society's Chairman colt that brought \$200,000, and that was really nice. It was Rob Marzilli's first sale horse. And even if we didn't get what we wanted for some of the others, they wound up in good hands and that is where the importance of breeders' awards comes in."

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2020 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	KELA (98, Numerous)	N/A	31/16	0/0	0/0	(Blue Eclipse, \$53,880)	\$555,625	*284	3	0.91	0.91
2	EYE OF THE LEOPARD (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	20/6	1/1	0/1	(Eye of a Jedi, \$94,130)	\$329,400	42	1	0.53	1.98
3	LAW ENFORCEMENT (05, Posse)	Died, 2017	9/3	1/1	0/1	(Fireman Oscar, \$71,289)	\$214,464	21	1	1.21	0.66
4	MATT'S BROKEN VOW (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Facing North, \$34,160)	\$142,314	59	0	0.48	0.81
5	JOEY FRANCO (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Wannaplaybigchief, \$45,305)	\$79,501	86	2	0.48	0.67



MICHAEL BURNS

Caren, Canada's 2016 Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly

What did rile up Everatt-Meeuse this fall, however, was her Keeneland September yearling sale experience where she took 10 yearlings to the large auction but ended up having to take some back home or sell them for much less than she wanted.

"It was a very tough sale year for no other reason than for the vetting on the sale grounds. The vetting has become ridiculous," she said. "My vets (Dr. Wayne Carroll is the Everatts' longtime Ontario vet) are an asset and part of the team. They know what they are doing and they are right. And I have been on the end of the shank of each horse since they were born. We know if our horse has an issue, and you don't take a horse like that to a sale.

"But still you wind up getting your horse scrutinized and turned down. Horses are developmental. Years ago we never even heard of OCD lesions or sesamoiditis.

"It's my horse, my set of films, and I turn them into the sale company and some complete stranger makes their living off of my

product. I have scoped my horses and yet on the sale ground, they come in and stick a scope down their throat while they are still eating, cause them to displace their palate and then fail them. It was to the point that I was insulted."

Everatt-Meeuse believes the overexamination of young horses at a sale has a negative effect, not only on breeders trying to make a living but on bringing new owners into the sport.

"It's unfortunate that buyers now don't understand there used to be a better way to pick out an athlete. It didn't start with a vet reading a set of films. It started with a horse trainer picking out an athlete."

There is a snowball effect too, said Everatt-Meeuse, as now breeders are inclined to keep their sale horses out of the fields to run and play, electing to keep them in stalls and swimming them.

"We all know the scrutiny we are under in the public eye with all these breakdowns," she said. "I believe it's because horses aren't raised to be tough anymore, and they need that bone density. Instead of letting them run in paddocks and rough-

**Shannondoe stallion Conquest Curlinate, a son of top sire Curlin**

housing and getting a little scar here and there, now you have to show up with clean X-rays and no bumps. Then we send them to the racetrack and pound on their bones and they aren't ready."

Everatt-Meeuse will not change how she raises her family's horses.

"They are out there running," she said. And there will be some 44 foals expected to arrive at the Ontario farm in 2020.

Husband Tim does all the initial foaling before Everatt-Meeuse gets the baby up and moving. And her parents are still very much involved as Janeane attends all the sales with her daughter while James cuts the farm hay.

Frustrations aside, Everatt-Meeuse's passion for breeding is evident when the subject comes to Shannondoe-breds of the current year.

"Oh, Keep On Truckin was a big highlight," said Everatt-Meeuse.

The flashy Society's Chairman gelding owned by Anderson Farms and George and Brian Ledson who won his first two starts as a juvenile this year, including the Clarendon Stakes. The colt was subsequently injured in the Summer Stakes (G1T) but is in Florida with trainer Catherine Day Phillips.

Society's Chairman also had the stakes-winning 2-year-old Gun Society this year, a filly bred and owned by Roger Attfield.

And there are high hopes for the first runners for the farm's newest stallions, Conquest Curlinate (by Curlin) and Dynamic Sky (by Sky Mesa).

"With each season you always look forward to finding out the names of the new 2-year-olds, watch how they work, and then how they race," she said. "We wish our lives away. It's crazy, but you have to have that optimism." **BH**

Jennifer Morrison is the Canadian correspondent for BloodHorse.



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