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By **CHRISTINE OSER**

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	2021 Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	34/21	0/0	0/0	(W W Cookie Monster, \$86,860)	\$820,800	52	0	0.98	1.11
2	Forest Attack (04, Forestry), McCrosky Farm	\$1,000	41/11	0/0	0/0	(Huey Attack, \$71,413)	\$461,949	108	0	0.42	0.99
3	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Sister Ruler, \$96,001)	\$270,587	131	0	0.76	0.71
4	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(W W Fitzy, \$121,705)	\$268,602	36	1	0.74	1.01
5	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	13/5	1/2	1/1	(Cinco Star, \$150,575)	\$256,121	51	2	0.96	1.31
6	Indy Snow (GB) (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Stopshoppingamy, \$111,607)	\$140,193	47	1	1.00	0.82
7	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall), Cutsinger's Stallion Station	\$500	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Diamond Gucci, \$32,874)	\$98,941	88	0	0.57	0.92
8	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Empire, \$28,430)	\$87,544	11	0	0.48	0.56
9	Live From Appollo (04, Maria's Mon)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Willow Moon, \$79,677)	\$82,197	11	0	0.76	0.71
10	Brave 'n Away (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Launch Away, \$37,421)	\$71,578	51	0	0.47	0.65
11	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Lake Mills, \$36,880)	\$70,825	24	0	0.82	1.13
12	Chosen Deputy (05, Deputy Minister), Legacy Farms	Private	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Andreas, \$45,065)	\$69,886	19	0	0.75	0.92
13	Mt Waverly (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Wave'ndumoni, \$38,150)	\$55,519	25	0	0.31	0.72
14	West Ranger (06, Vindication)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Creal Dreamer, \$32,568)	\$53,989	21	0	0.34	0.79
15	Devil Hunter (99, Pulpit)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Rule, \$26,803)	\$47,896	25	0	0.67	0.67



(L-R): Alan Bassett with Sweet Tapper in foal to Curlin and Matt Jackson with Ms. Bubbette in foal to Mucho Macho Man

that descended from the Bold Ruler sire line, was in good health and had produced a foal in recent seasons. After discussing the bloodlines with her husband, Bob, who asked if it would be possible to breed the mare, Michaels began to form her breeding operation.

Michaels' operation grew from a working farm along the South Dakota/Minnesota border to Winchester Place Thoroughbreds near Paris, Ky. After moving the horse business base to the Bluegrass in 2010, Winchester Place purchased

the former Eagle Valley Farm in 2012 to kick-start its expansion.

After two decades of work, Michaels was recognized as the 2020 Minnesota Breeder of the Year by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. She still sends some mares to the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

"That was everything. That was really an honor. I don't know how to describe it," she said. "We work so hard, the whole farm, everybody on the farm. I've got such a great crew that has been with

me mostly from the very beginning and we've added people as we went along. Everybody tries hard; everybody takes good care of the horses. It's like all your efforts are culminated and somebody recognizes them. I was so glad. I didn't expect it all, not at all.

"But we have bred a lot of horses and raced a lot of horses. We race more horses at Canterbury Park in Minnesota than anywhere else. We're always competitive. Up here we're always competitive, or at least try to be."

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2021 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	Private	39/19	1/1	1/1	(Cash Logistics, \$214,054)	\$1,426,654	83	9	1.54	1.01
2	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Southern Indiana Equine	\$3,000	23/13	2/4	2/2	(Hard Luck Justice, \$260,949)	\$1,120,198	36	2	1.67	0.78
3	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	33/14	2/3	1/2	(Chipofftheoldblock, \$197,021)	\$723,927	*405	9	0.82	1.07
4	Greeley's Conquest (04, Mr. Greeley), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	14/11	1/1	0/1	(Greeley and Ben, \$296,277)	\$656,189	72	2	0.92	0.87
5	Notional (04, In Excess)	N/A	41/15	0/0	0/0	(Justaboutright, \$72,776)	\$580,185	372	7	0.73	1.05
6	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	22/14	0/0	0/0	(Double Tuff, \$84,180)	\$572,309	63	3	0.98	0.81
7	Fort Prado (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	25/15	0/0	0/0	(Wildcard Prado, \$90,230)	\$530,143	*209	3	0.72	1.25
8	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	20/10	2/2	2/2	(Bayou Cat, \$184,977)	\$474,791	56	4	0.82	1.01
9	Noble's Promise (07, Cuvee)	Died, 2018	12/8	1/1	1/1	(Fireball Baby, \$183,652)	\$428,177	36	3	1.16	0.97
10	Pass Rush (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	14/9	1/1	0/1	(Completed Pass, \$99,700)	\$364,988	134	7	0.99	1.02
11	Deputy Storm (01, Forestry)	N/A	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Miss Deputy Star, \$93,731)	\$343,712	108	2	0.93	1.09
12	Victor's Cry (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Spanish Ballerina, \$69,859)	\$328,666	133	2	0.91	1.13
13	What Now (07, Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions	N/A	12/9	0/0	0/0	(Quick and Easy, \$93,405)	\$316,011	26	0	0.81	0.67
14	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Hungarian Princess, \$196,870)	\$311,724	10	1	1.83	1.31
15	Sangaree (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	15/9	0/0	0/0	(Valsheba, \$57,010)	\$308,744	50	1	1.01	0.75

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MORE HORSES AT
CANTERBURY PARK
IN MINNESOTA
THAN ANYWHERE
ELSE.”**

—LORIE MICHAELS
ON WINCHESTER PLACE'S
CONTINUED COMMITMENT
TO MINNESOTA

In 2020 Winchester Place-bred Drop of Golden Sun (a Minnesota-bred campaigned by Rengstorf Racing) won the Wally's Choice Stakes on dirt and took the Blair's Cove Minnesota Turf Stakes on the grass at Canterbury. Winchester Place's success continued in 2021. Drop of Golden Sun won the Crocrock Minnesota Sprint Championship Stakes in September, a race in which Winchester Place homebred Zoe's Delight was third just three weeks after winning the Wally's Choice.

Urban Fairytale, a Virginia-bred whom Winchester Place purchased for \$250,000 from the Brookdale Sales consignment to the 2018 Keeneland September yearling sale, won the Brookmeade Stakes in September at Colonial Downs after placing in three other black-type races. And Princess Causeway, a \$200,000 purchase out of Paramount Sales' consignment to the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale, placed in multiple stakes in 2021



A victory by Zoe's Delight in the 2021 Wally's Choice Stakes would earn the Michaels—Lorie accepts the trophy and Bob is to her right—along with friends and family, a trip to the Canterbury Park winner's circle

2021 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Stroll (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	48/25	0/0	0/0	(Freedom Matters, \$101,860)	\$973,611	*357	17	1.01	1.20
2	Native Ruler (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	23/14	0/0	0/0	(Scrutinizer, \$65,086)	\$537,964	80	1	0.90	0.76
3	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	31/10	0/0	0/0	(Woke Up in Love, \$68,426)	\$457,177	204	5	0.76	0.87
4	Formidable (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	12/5	1/1	1/1	(Demidanu, \$102,930)	\$339,207	20	1	0.99	0.70
5	Jafmil (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	7/6	1/1	1/1	(Naughty Shirley, \$110,091)	\$309,039	38	1	1.07	0.94
6	Sing Baby Sing (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Last Drop of Wine, \$65,938)	\$288,712	109	3	0.58	0.82
7	Spaniard (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Sir Eli, \$39,135)	\$112,161	55	0	0.82	1.40
8	Shore Breeze (98, Danzig)	Died, 2016	6/2	0/0	0/0	(College Party, \$33,705)	\$60,311	189	2	0.75	0.74
9	Canaveral (91, Relaunch)	Pnsd	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Into Orbit, \$14,394)	\$36,629	171	2	0.62	0.89
10	Kirkendahl (02, Menifee)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Big Boy McCoy, \$1,433)	\$2,108	34	0	0.19	0.48
11	D Mac (06, More Than Ready)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Two Socks Mac, \$199)	\$199	3	0	0.01	0.42

2021 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Unbridledselection, \$34,286)	\$309,528	*281	5	0.80	1.06
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	9/4	1/1	0/1	(Timeless Bounty, \$189,914)	\$273,966	98	4	0.69	0.69
3	Zulu Magic (05, Johannesburg)	Died, 2017	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Mark of the Z, \$92,790)	\$169,762	31	0	0.64	0.50
4	Equality (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Carol's Royalty, \$15,492)	\$59,325	180	7	0.62	0.78
5	Gun Power (97, Unbridled)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Carolina's Thing, \$12,963)	\$16,172	60	0	0.46	0.69
6	Justice for Auston (99, Lit de Justice)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Natty Nora, \$1,764)	\$1,764	12	0	0.34	0.44

2021 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Kela (98, Numerous)	N/A	24/14	1/3	0/1	(Kela's Turn, \$226,451)	\$635,229	*298	4	0.91	0.89
2	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy), Osborne Farm	\$1,500	10/6	1/1	0/1	(Eye of a Jedi, \$113,490)	\$241,981	52	1	0.59	1.75
3	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat), Boehlke Farm	\$500	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Celtics Wildcat, \$34,160)	\$123,407	18	0	0.57	0.58
4	Lovango (04, Capote)	Died, 2017	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Clickbait, \$119,300)	\$119,300	11	1	0.95	0.43
5	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow), Dove Hill Farm	\$2,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Matchlock, \$25,373)	\$74,604	67	0	0.45	0.78
6	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat), Boehlke Farm	\$500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Gabriel's Legend, \$29,537)	\$66,876	68	1	0.42	0.48
7	Ford Every Stream (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Dusty Ford, \$28,200)	\$49,210	158	1	0.53	0.78
8	Magic Cat (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Derbys Moneymaker, \$20,466)	\$43,395	282	10	0.61	0.87
9	Joey Franco (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Orts Dream, \$5,899)	\$6,324	87	2	0.46	0.67
10	Classy Gent (01, Gone West), Boehlke Farm	\$400	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Classic Whiskey, \$4,662)	\$5,712	7	0	0.05	0.33
11	Royal Jabar (04, Aljabr)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Talent and Tricks, \$4,341)	\$4,691	18	0	0.28	1.58
12	Tahkodha Hills (97, Prospector's Halo)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Tahkodha Luv, \$1,060)	\$1,060	85	1	0.29	0.40
13	March Twelfth (06, Macho Uno), Princeton	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Governor Goofy, \$175)	\$175	3	0	0.01	1.23

and was a front-running allowance winner during the Keeneland fall meet. Through November, Princess Causeway had earnings of \$433,089.

Michaels, now 75, got her first taste of horse ownership when she turned 9 years old and her dad gave her an Apaloosa mare named Papoose. Her love of horses continued into adulthood, and she kept riding horses at her farm in South Dakota along the state line. As the breeding of racehorses began, she purchased acreage across the border in Minnesota and erected a foaling barn to house Minnesota-breds and their dams. From their first full crop of foals in 2003 came The K B Kid who, while racing for Astar Thoroughbreds, was undefeated

in four starts at 2, including wins in two black-type stakes at Canterbury and another at Prairie Meadows.

"We bought a horse at auction in 2002 up at Canterbury. Her name was Neumanns Cat and she was the first real racehorse that we ever bought," Michaels said. "She went out as a 2-year-old and won her first race by six lengths and we were hooked from there on. Then we had some babies and the rest is just history. We started out with somebody else's rejects. And now we're trying to up our game considerably."

In the early days of her breeding venture, Michaels relied on regional stallions for her mares.

"I was always afraid that my mares

were not good enough to go to the Kentucky sires. On the Internet you always hear about if your horse isn't good enough they'll refuse to breed you and things like that, so I was a little bit reluctant," she said.

A Christmas gift from her husband helped change the trajectory of her goals.

"I was looking at the stud book, and it was open to Holy Bull. My husband took note," Michaels said. "He knew how I loved my horses and for Christmas made a poem and a card: 'Twas the night before Christmas and all the through the barn, not a mouse was stirring...' He made it a poem about giving me a stud fee to Holy Bull for a Christmas present."

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2021 LEADING SIRES IN NEBRASKA

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1	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	92/45	1/1	1/1	(Decision Maker, \$161,685)	\$1,846,764	*403	9	1.11	1.29
2	El Caballo (04, El Corredor), Rogers Ranch	Private	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Hatties Jewel, \$63,255)	\$183,755	36	0	0.49	0.62
3	Cougar Cat (02, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Bartenders Mistake, \$24,234)	\$142,043	48	0	0.51	0.78
4	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector), Rogers Ranch	\$1,250	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Super Charlie, \$28,931)	\$88,220	104	0	0.60	0.65
5	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid), Pryor Ranch	\$500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(P R Odds Setter, \$29,412)	\$46,363	47	0	0.26	0.88
6	Sexy Cowboy (04, Orientate)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Want to Be Cowboy, \$9,680)	\$21,537	14	0	0.34	0.43
7	Loveofthegame (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Bumpy Game, \$6,400)	\$13,323	13	0	0.30	0.47
8	Indygo Mountain (06, A.P. Indy)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Got No Kash, \$3,305)	\$3,305	14	1	0.91	1.39
9	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam), Cox Livestock	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Terrific Jo, \$1,034)	\$1,034	11	0	0.02	0.26

2021 LEADING SIRES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
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1	Bay of Biscay (11, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Bonnie And, \$19,651)	\$52,474	15	0	0.28	0.16
2	Rutledge Humor (05, Distorted Humor)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Run Some Koppy's, \$50,299)	\$50,299	14	0	0.40	0.73
3	King Cha Cha (01, Kingmambo)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Big Ender, \$16,480)	\$47,009	54	0	0.13	0.38
4	Pies Prospect (01, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Lil Miss Zak, \$20,656)	\$45,884	64	0	0.24	0.50
5	Rock the Rock (IRE) (04, Rock of Gibraltar)	Died, 2017	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Joe Copper, \$30,120)	\$39,592	15	0	0.66	0.39
6	Royal Challenger (03, Touch Gold)	N/A	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Eli's Fire, \$10,250)	\$35,854	28	0	0.08	0.27
7	Captain Bodgit (94, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2019	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Gone a Lil Lu Hu, \$13,125)	\$31,882	437	11	0.73	1.10
8	Baseball Card Kid (06, Vindication), DeMontigny Ranch	\$500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Utopia Kid, \$9,380)	\$31,486	36	0	0.10	0.10
9	Miles Heir (07, Wildcat Heir)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Boogie Bug, \$4,500)	\$4,500	2	0	0.17	0.74

2021 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	80/50	0/0	0/0	(Contact Tracing, \$83,373)	\$1,734,800	185	2	0.95	1.07
2	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	50/25	1/4	0/1	(Australasia, \$296,688)	\$1,274,545	89	1	0.95	0.87
3	Danza (11, Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm	Died, 2021	77/31	0/0	0/0	(Rock N June Bug, \$103,556)	\$1,252,271	144	2	0.66	0.90
4	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Mobil Lady, \$118,820)	\$993,746	*218	6	1.27	1.25
5	Kiss the Kid (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2020	12/8	1/1	0/1	(Extravagant Kid, \$732,523)	\$952,511	62	1	1.31	1.40
6	Cowtown Cat (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	42/21	0/0	0/0	(Bossy Lady, \$90,195)	\$924,467	250	5	1.14	1.14
7	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	60/28	0/0	0/0	(Fort Peck, \$108,511)	\$861,416	*192	2	0.84	1.22
8	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,500	48/20	0/0	0/0	(Olive Kat, \$74,800)	\$684,661	104	1	0.83	1.00
9	Tidal Volume (06, Tapit)	N/A	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Firsthand Justice, \$105,901)	\$510,924	89	0	0.58	0.80

2021 LEADING SIRES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
a 1	Tales of the Wild (07, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Heavenly Wild, \$11,798)	\$15,576	19	0	0.13	0.11
2	Coal Cutter (06, Mineshaft)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Big Bend Buckaroo, \$2,127)	\$2,127	16	0	0.08	0.04

Michaels then put together a package about her mare Really Did, a daughter of Thorn Dance, and faxed it off to Jonabell, where Holy Bull stood.

"I thought they were going to refuse my mare, and I got the most delightful call back from (Godolphin USA COO) Dan Pride who said 'Lorie, we will be delighted to breed your mare to Holy Bull.' He was so nice and that got me over my fear," she said. "From then on, we just sent all the mares down to Kentucky to breed to Kentucky stallions.

What I didn't know was that Really Did had come from Jonabell. It was one of their families, and so I think they knew the horse. But it was a big first step for a regional breeder to come down to that market years ago. Since then we've been upbreeding our mares."

Really Did came from the female family of champion 2-year-old filly Epitome, who produced Essence of Dubai, a multiple graded/group stakes winner in the United States and Dubai, for Godolphin. Michaels initially acquired Really Did as

part of a three-mare private purchase after the trio went through the ring at the 2001 Keeneland November mixed sale—where prices plunged after 9/11.

"(Really Did) became my favorite mare," Michaels said. "She just was the biggest sweetheart."

Winchester Place is playing near the top of the breeding game now. In 2014 Michaels bought Sweet Tapper, a daughter of Tapit, from the Lane's End's consignment to the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale. Two

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2021 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstret SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2021 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Fed Biz (09, Giant's Causeway), HIGHFIELD	\$4,000	208/113	5/9	2/5	(Zenden, \$920,250)	\$5,545,055	*382	11	1.01	1.29
2	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	144/64	4/6	0/4	(Lotus Land, \$356,156)	\$4,435,028	*318	14	1.24	1.64
3	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	97/44	6/9	5/6	(Silent Poet, \$202,615)	\$2,479,506	*497	30	1.46	1.25
4	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	62/39	3/6	2/3	(Lorena, \$225,140)	\$1,997,038	120	9	1.84	1.48
5	Old Forester (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	86/32	3/5	2/3	(Pink Lloyd, \$289,742)	\$1,868,418	515	22	1.43	1.39
6	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible)	N/A	53/27	1/1	1/1	(Funiculi, \$86,708)	\$1,227,270	136	7	1.68	1.34
7	Town Prize (09, Speightstown)	N/A	7/5	2/2	1/2	(Town Cruise, \$704,953)	\$863,575	15	2	2.71	1.48
8	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$4,000	44/17	1/1	1/1	(Inspector Reload, \$60,618)	\$804,193	83	1	1.33	1.42
9	Signature Red (06, Bernstein), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$5,000	40/18	1/1	1/1	(Hit and Run, \$87,915)	\$674,589	102	6	1.34	1.02
10	¶ Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	35/15	1/1	0/1	(Dendera, \$83,200)	\$607,786	59	1	0.77	1.17
11	Silver Max (09, Badge of Silver)	Pnsd	27/9	0/0	0/0	(That'sitthat'sall, \$89,497)	\$554,581	60	0	1.10	1.61
12	Milwaukee Brew (97, Wild Again)	Pnsd	47/16	0/0	0/0	(Dragon's Brew, \$52,288)	\$550,898	*643	25	1.15	1.37
13	Bakken (10, Distorted Humor), Stoneridge Farm	\$2,500	33/25	0/0	0/0	(Baktura, \$42,702)	\$546,975	59	4	0.82	0.92
14	Second in Command (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	36/19	1/2	0/1	(Jo Dee's Angel, \$79,799)	\$511,611	170	7	0.65	0.77
15	Ami's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	22/9	0/0	0/0	(H C Holiday, \$133,669)	\$497,970	39	0	1.17	1.20

years later Sweet Tapper was second in the Mrs. Revere Stakes (G2T) on the Churchill Downs turf and in 2017 gave Michaels a local win in the Lady Canterbury Stakes. Sweet Tapper is now part of the Winchester Place broodmare band. Her first three foals are sired by Curlin, American Pharoah, and Arrogate.

"It's something that we try really hard to develop, and now we're breeding much better mares than we originally did," Michaels said. "We've got these basic breeding principles that we try to follow and give Clive (Harper) a lot of credit for teaching us. There's so many lessons to be learned in this business and that was one of ours, getting some things that seem to work and try to follow them."

The late pedigree expert Clive Harper is the author of *The Thoroughbred Broodmare Book*, among other works.

Michaels has seen Winchester Place grow and credits her team for the help along the way. In November 2020 Winchester Place added Matthew Jackson as farm manager when Alan Bassett, who has been with the operation since its Kentucky start, moved to a senior leadership position. The farm also services outside clients in addition to Winchester Place's own horses. Others in Michaels' circle include Kevin Fletcher, who breaks the young Winchester Place horses at his Columbia, Ky., facility, and Kevin Noltemeyer



Lorie Michaels congratulates jockey Ruben Fuentes after his winning ride on Zoe's Delight in the 2021 Wally's Choice Stakes in August at Canterbury Park

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of Silver Springs Stud in Lexington, where Michaels will send horses for layup.

Though Michaels' current goal is to foal more Kentucky-breds, she still sends mares to Rick and Joyce

Osborne of Osborne Farm in Cambridge, Minn., to foal. Her trainer in Kentucky is Ian Wilkes while back home at Canterbury she employs Tony Rengstorf and Francisco Bravo. Michaels also has horses that are being aimed at the lucrative Turfway Park meet with Pavel Matejka. In the spring the plan is to move those horses to Canterbury.

"The Kentucky circuit is pretty tough. The ones that can't be really successful at a certain level in Kentucky, those are the ones that go up to the Minnesota operation," Michaels said. "But Ian Wilkes is our trainer in Kentucky, and he does a very nice job

for us. We've had some stakes winners this year and hope to have some more, but we have a handful of horses that we hope can be competitive on the Kentucky circuit where the purses are really, really good in comparison to the regional tracks."

Winchester Place currently has close to 20 racehorses and expects to breed between eight and 10 mares this year. Though Michaels has a business to operate, it all comes back to the love of the horse that she first experienced as a little girl.

"I get great pleasure in the horses themselves," said Michaels, who keeps an annex at Winchester Place for retirees and horses that didn't make it to the track. "The thing that really keeps me in it is the horses." **BH**

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