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The story of 2021 Horse of the Year begins in Maryland with a mother, Angie, and daughter, Sabrina, trying to make a living in the horse business

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**KNICKS GO PROVIDES THRILLS, REWARDS
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“I wish he knew how many hearts he has won over. He didn’t start out that way. He’s earned his spot among the world’s top racehorses. Best of luck to KG and his team. Be safe, buddy.”

@SABRINAMOORE, ON INSTAGRAM, BEFORE KNICKS GO WON THE \$6-MILLION BREEDERS’ CUP CLASSIC, G1, NOV. 6, 2021

By **JOSH PONS** / PHOTOS BY **ELLEN PONS**

ALL GREAT HORSE STORIES intertwine with a great people story.

In the instance of Knicks Go, the story begins with two women trying to make a living in the horse business: his breeder of record, Angie Moore, and her daughter Sabrina, who foaled him, and whose social media posts—shared throughout this story—

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1	Hey Chub (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$1,000	15/10	1/6	0/1	(Chub Wagon, \$487,400)	\$977,520	53	4	1.71	1.39
2	Il Postino (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Alta Velocita, \$253,140)	\$634,248	19	1	1.43	0.85
3	Private Interview (92, Nureyev)	Pnsd	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Roselba, \$112,262)	\$159,042	227	3	1.07	1.20
4	King Puma (06, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Rachel Caroline, \$66,438)	\$145,067	31	0	1.07	1.46
5	Don Six (00, Wild Escapade)	N/A	10/0	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Don, \$22,594)	\$70,142	94	3	1.11	1.26
6	Cable Boy (04, Jump Start)	Died, 2017	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Optic Way, \$58,840)	\$58,840	23	2	1.56	1.08
7	Chips Are Down (02, Distorted Humor)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Singleberybourbon, \$21,938)	\$21,938	12	0	0.59	0.60
8	Freud's Honour (08, Freud)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Jesters Honor, \$16,500)	\$16,500	3	0	1.05	0.30
9	Secret Getaway (05, Skip Away)	Pnsd	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Dreamer's Getaway, \$1,334)	\$1,334	4	0	0.41	1.52
10	Defreze (92, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2017	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Oak Bluffs, \$190)	\$190	*590	22	1.20	1.17

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



The Moores launched GreenMount Farm after purchasing 43 acres near Glyndon, Md.

Maryland Hunt Cup is contested, where Sagamore Farm is located. No fences. No barns. Just a big house, and perhaps the best horse-raising soil in the state. She hung out the shingle GreenMount Farm just as the Thoroughbred business was collapsing in Maryland. Slots in neighboring states had siphoned off resident mares. From 2000-12, the Maryland foal crop declined 69%, from 1,212 to 370.

"I didn't know any better," Angie explains. "I took a pregnant mare for free, then was told I'd have to pay the stud fee if I wanted to register the foal. Someone asked me to stand four stallions who needed a home. It was that kind of time."

The resilient Maryland horse industry rebounded. Now the GreenMount Thoroughbred operation—a boutique broodmare band, weanling and yearling boarding, foaling, sales prep—has outgrown the acreage. The Moores have sold the farm, with a lease-back for the fields and barn. For the past few years, they also have been leasing a large farm just down Butler Road—aptly named Welcome Here Farm.

"Today is a surreal day. What an incredible experience it's been to have a little part of Knicks Go's journey. Safe trip, Knick."

@SABRINAMOORE, INSTAGRAM, BEFORE KNICKS GO WON THE 2021 PEGASUS WORLD CUP

chronicle an incredible journey. Commercial breeders that they are, the Moores sold Knicks Go as a weanling. Tail-end of the sale, Hip 3,368, the handy-looking gray colt brought \$40,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November mixed sale.

As though scripted, Knicks Go's final scheduled race—the Pegasus World Cup (G1) Jan. 29, 2022, at Gulfstream Park—was run six years to the day Sabrina delivered Knicks Go in Stall 3 at their GreenMount Farm near Glyndon, Md.

Any script would also have to include this twist: how close the Moores came to never knowing Knicks Go. They had offered his dam Kosmo's Buddy, carrying Knicks Go, at the 2015 Keeneland November mixed sale. The mare was listed as an RNA at \$37,000.

"I could write a book on how much I'm grateful for, but most importantly that my friends and family are happy and healthy. Expect nothing, appreciate everything."

@SABRINAMOORE, INSTAGRAM

"In summers growing up, Sabrina would leave for a week at a time to go to riding camps in Virginia. She loved barrel racing. I'd ask her: 'How can you leave us for a week without being homesick?' She was just horse crazy. We needed our own farm."

In 2006 Angie found 43-acre GreenMount Estate for sale up the hill from the Worthington Valley—where the

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1	Jump Start (99, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2019	133/67	3/3	2/3	(Vault, \$267,000)	\$3,886,546	*1495	55	1.37	1.25
2	Wicked Strong (11, Hard Spun), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	182/83	2/2	0/2	(Jilted Bride, \$215,080)	\$3,879,700	*276	4	0.88	1.24
3	Flashback (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm	\$3,500	122/73	2/3	2/2	(Sunday Flashback, \$163,350)	\$2,759,416	266	4	0.96	1.48
4	El Padrino (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	74/38	3/5	1/3	(Don't Call Me Mary, \$221,550)	\$2,562,422	190	5	1.31	1.24
5	Warrior's Reward (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	\$5,000	130/65	1/1	1/1	(Night Ops, \$290,867)	\$2,542,542	*652	21	0.98	1.28
6	Poseidon's Warrior (08, Speightstown), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,000	82/37	2/4	0/2	(Firenze Fire, \$493,500)	\$2,262,384	*244	3	0.97	1.05
7	Weigelia (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	Private	51/34	2/6	1/2	(Beren, \$469,790)	\$2,103,482	*177	9	1.39	1.05
8	Boisterous (07, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$3,000	57/40	2/2	1/2	(Loud Mouth, \$130,532)	\$1,412,286	139	3	0.86	1.03
9	Smarty Jones (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	47/27	1/1	0/1	(Li'lbito'charm, \$181,654)	\$1,304,823	*872	28	1.33	1.63
10	Talent Search (03, Catenus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	36/22	1/1	0/1	(Hollywood Talent, \$186,342)	\$1,285,737	*193	3	1.06	1.14
11	Uptowncharlybrown (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$7,500	41/14	1/2	1/1	(Wait for It, \$209,205)	\$1,068,127	93	4	1.49	1.06
12	Normandy Invasion (10, Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Pnsd	51/25	0/0	0/0	(Purple Hearted, \$114,700)	\$926,291	89	0	0.58	1.13
13	Peace and Justice (10, War Front), Blackstone Farm PA	\$3,500	35/17	0/0	0/0	(Diesel, \$66,980)	\$666,654	58	1	0.73	1.30
14	Social Inclusion (11, Pioneerof the Nile), Diamond B Farm	\$5,000	35/16	0/0	0/0	(Big Venezuela, \$76,330)	\$661,181	52	0	0.68	1.05
15	Ice Box (07, Pulpit)	N/A	43/17	0/0	0/0	(Its Cold in Dehere, \$214,587)	\$615,159	301	2	0.61	0.96

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

YOU WANT A RUNNING TOTAL?

The 2022 Pegasus was contested after publication of this issue of *BloodHorse* but a first-place finish would ensure Knicks Go finishes with more than \$10 million in earnings. He will have run past the \$9,999,815 earned by two-time Horse of the Year Cigar to become the leading Maryland-bred racehorse.

Plaques in Halls of Fame will someday honor his achievements. Details should include who bred him and where he was foaled. Breeders tend to be left off such written-in-stone honorariums, Sabrina observes. Every Hall of Fame horse begins with a breeder. Every foal starts at a farm.

“6 Graded Stake wins, 3 Breeders’ Cup trips, 14 different racetracks, 2 countries, 2 track records... win or lose this afternoon, KG, thanks for the ride of a lifetime.”

@SABRINAMOORE, INSTAGRAM, BEFORE KNICKS GO WON THE 2021 BREEDERS’ CUP CLASSIC

Where does his durability come from? Arguably, from the speed and soundness of Maryland-bred Kosmo’s Buddy: 37 starts, wins or placings in 14 stakes (mostly sprinting), almost \$300,000 in hard-fought earnings, 22 in-the-money finishes.

She appears cut from the same cloth as a long list of hickory Maryland-bred racemares, stalwarts such as Gallorette, Heavenly Cause, Caesar’s Wish, Jameela, Politely, Safely Kept, Twixt, etc. etc.

Back in the summer of 2010, Angie had asked Maryland trainer Tim Keefe to keep an eye out for a solid racemare dropping into the claim box: At Monmouth Park that Sept. 3, Keefe found one for \$40,000. He haltered Kosmo’s Buddy, ran her once at Laurel in a stakes, then sent her to GreenMount.

Back in the summer of 2018—before 2-year-old Knicks Go went wire-to-wire at 70-1 in the Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity (G1) at Keeneland in October—Angie sold Kosmo’s Buddy privately. The Moores still own a daughter: the Not For Love mare Pinkprint, who twice failed to meet her reserve—first as a yearling in 2014 for \$29,000; then a second time as a 6-year-old mare in 2019 for \$17,000.

Having retained Pinkprint, the Moores and the Tiznow Syndicate bred her to Tiznow, and the resultant filly brought \$150,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October yearling sale. Just before that sale Uncle “Knick” updated the catalog page with his Whitney Stakes (G1) win.

Pinkprint’s family continues to appreciate. Knicks Go has opened the door to top sires for Kosmo’s Buddy, who produced a Justify filly in 2020, a Ghostzapper filly in 2021, and was covered by Uncle Mo for 2022.

Two years before Knicks Go was

foaled, the Moores sold a Super Saver weanling colt out of Kosmo’s Buddy for \$62,000. Named Super Buddy, the gelding would win four races but not reach the heights of his famous half brother, closing out his career with a last-place finish in a \$5,000 claiming race. But the Moores followed his career just as much as Knicks Go. He was bought back by Sabrina—and promptly brought back to GreenMount, where these days he is a favorite riding horse.

“He’s got a wonky knee and he coughs a lot from an entrapment, but I love him.”

“Took 8 to the sale, sold 7 through the ring and 1 privately. Huge thanks to Fasig-Tipton for being the most accommodating to anyone and everyone.”

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“Credibility,” says Sabrina, assessing what Knicks Go means to her professional life. For the 2021 Fasig-Tipton December mixed sale, she was assigned a row of stalls in a prominent barn, 100 feet from the pavilion. From there, the action was obvious as prospective buyers repeatedly viewed the stakes-winning Munnings mare Money Fromheaven. GreenMount, as agent for client Make Family First Stable, topped the broodmare portion of the sale, with Money



Above, through social media Sabrina Moore helped build interest in Knicks Go, racing, and Maryland; Below, a popular post featuring Knicks Go at one week of age

From heaven fetching \$120,000.

Other fruit from Knicks Go's success? The Moores are members of the WinStar Incentive Network. Knicks Go's sire, Paynter, stands at WinStar Farm. The Moores receive WinStar cash from the W.I.N. program to offset stud fees. In succession Pinkprint has visited four WinStar sires: Tiznow, Congrats, Audible, and More Than Ready.

Knicks Go has also earned Breeders' Cup nominator awards.

"We have Mr. Bill to thank for Knicks Go being Breeders' Cup eligible," Sabrina explains, crediting her mentor, veteran Maryland sales agent Bill Reightler.

"Mr. Bill said if one person comes to the consignment and asks if the horse is Breeders' Cup eligible, it's worth the \$400 fee to be able to say yes."

Annually—and understandably—many small breeders hesitate before nominating their modestly bred sales weanlings to the Breeders' Cup program. Yet, consider what the Moores' \$400 has meant not only in nominator awards to them but in purses to Knicks Go's owner Korea Racing Authority. In three Breeders' Cup races, Knicks Go has hauled in \$3,980,000:



* \$340,000 from his second in the 2018 Juvenile (G1);

* \$520,000 from his win in the 2020 Dirt Mile (G1); and

* \$3,120,000 from his win in the 2021 Classic.

In 2021 nominators of horses were paid a \$10,000 Nominator Award

whenever their horses won a Breeders' Cup Win & You're In Challenge race. Nominators of horses (sired by nominated stallions) received a Horse Nominator Award for top-four finishes in any Breeders' Cup World Championships race.

"The days are long, the stress is mentally draining and heartbreaking, but I'm so blessed to have chosen a path that can give you a high of a lifetime."

@SABRINAMOORE,
INSTAGRAM

Pull up Knicks Go's past performances. He's a freak. In his 10 races ending with the 2021 Breeders' Cup Classic score, through 40 points of call, he has been on the lead at all but three calls. He'll be named 2021 Horse of the Year, a golden Eclipse Award awaits Feb. 10 at Santa Anita Park. He will have raced from Ellis Park in western Kentucky to King Abdulaziz Racecourse in the Middle East (but somewhat surprisingly, never at Santa Anita).

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1	Friend Or Foe (07, Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm	\$1,000	7/3	1/2	0/1	(Mr. Buff, \$162,750)	\$198,884	30	1	2.15	1.49
2	Mr. Sidney (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Danang, \$36,450)	\$166,563	*135	1	1.03	1.57
3	Gone Clubbing (07, Gone West)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Tempting Moment, \$21,560)	\$56,518	10	0	0.33	0.22
4	Fierce Wind (05, Dixie Union)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Tolaga Bay, \$18,600)	\$47,241	31	0	0.56	0.36
5	Cosa Vera (05, Dynaformer)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Heart Light, \$32,500)	\$44,148	42	0	0.57	1.26
6	Pivot (97, Pleasant Colony)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(All the Way Mae, \$4,575)	\$4,575	14	0	0.24	0.50
7	Remarquez (04, Racey Remarque), Orchard View Farm	\$2,500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(R H F Spectre, \$979)	\$979	34	0	0.09	0.66
8	Pure White Gold (02, Billionaire)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Calypto Gold, \$660)	\$660	29	0	0.08	0.73

2021 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2019 Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Fiber Sonde (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	87/53	2/4	2/2	(Muad'dib, \$282,236)	\$2,756,238	297	19	1.32	0.80
2	Windsor Castle (98, Lord Carson)	N/A	87/52	1/1	1/1	(Our Diamond Girl, \$165,553)	\$2,185,903	417	16	0.99	0.99
3	Despite the Odds (06, Speightstown), Bybee Road Farm on Avonwood	\$1,500	33/20	0/0	0/0	(Unrequited Love, \$96,785)	\$818,153	80	0	1.04	1.17
4	Limehouse (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	50/22	0/0	0/0	(Boss E Boogs, \$70,159)	\$817,266	*493	23	1.09	1.11
5	Bullsbay (04, Tiznow), Pellinor Lane	\$1,500	32/19	1/1	0/1	(Inspired Options, \$108,488)	\$801,944	119	4	1.03	1.15
6	Juba (11, Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$1,500	26/12	1/1	1/1	(Fancy Her Up, \$94,377)	\$621,538	45	2	0.91	1.12
7	Exclusive Quality (03, Elusive Quality)	Died	34/14	1/1	1/1	(Pro Quality, \$179,110)	\$592,747	354	8	0.88	1.04
8	Machen (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Northern Ridge, \$83,688)	\$502,182	92	0	0.64	0.75
9	Master Rick (09, Master Command)	N/A	13/10	0/0	0/0	(Command the Cat, \$120,545)	\$440,774	31	0	0.79	0.84
10	Capo Bastone (10, Street Boss), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	25/7	0/0	0/0	(Azzurra, \$81,995)	\$379,036	52	0	0.71	1.19
11	Officer Rocket (GB) (04, Officer)	Died, 2019	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Appeal, \$63,382)	\$273,646	52	0	0.67	0.64
12	Swiss Yodeler (94, Eastern Echo)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Alpine Moon, \$73,768)	\$268,312	795	15	0.96	1.01
13	Golden Years (12, Not For Love), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	11/6	1/1	1/1	(Jungle Beast, \$77,307)	\$259,275	24	1	0.92	0.93
14	Garnered (98, Holy Bull)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Super Garner, \$129,219)	\$210,853	107	0	0.69	0.70
15	Gattopardo (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Unaquoi, \$37,335)	\$209,653	48	1	0.91	0.77

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Super Buddy is a riding horse at GreenMount Farm; Stall 3 always will be a special place at the farm



“Knicks Go got his second G1 which, honestly, I would have died happy with just one.”

@SABRINAMOORE, INSTAGRAM, AFTER KNICKS GO WON THE 2020 BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

Angie and Sabrina Moore didn't set out to breed a Horse of the Year. It just happened, as all good horse stories do—with twists and turns, with the unpredictable interplay of horses and humans.

“When they drop me in my grave someday,” Sabrina laughs, “I know they will be talking about how Mom and I bred Knicks Go.”

What a story. **BH**