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Golden Pal, with Wesley Ward after his 2021 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint victory at Del Mar, is the first Florida-bred to win two different Breeders' Cup races

Golden Pal's Sunshine State Start

*AFTER SAVING LADY SHIPMAN, RYAN BARBAZON
ALSO WELCOMED HER FIRST FOAL*

By CHARLIE McCARTHY

RANDY LOWE REALLY hadn't planned on Lady Shipman's delivering a Florida-bred.

The breeder/owner simply knew he had a special mare, and he didn't want to disrupt the routine of sending his dams-to-be to Ryan Barbazon. After all, long before Lady Shipman won 11 stakes, ran second against males in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T), and set a course record at Saratoga Race Course, Barbazon had saved her life when she was foaled.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 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	Mosquito (08, Yes It's True)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Foolish Steve, \$58,090)	\$60,370	3	0	1.20	0.27
2	Indy (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Gotta A. P. B., \$12,470)	\$22,470	21	0	0.56	1.55
3	He's So Chic (04, Jump Start)	Died, 2018	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Pintlala, \$17,380)	\$20,806	7	0	0.11	0.37



Breeder Randy Lowe (left) and trainer Wesley Ward would celebrate Golden Pal's victory in the 2020 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint and Ward would stay on to train after Lowe sold the son of Uncle Mo

So, with Lady Shipman starting her career as a broodmare and Barbazon having traded in Kentucky winters for Florida sunshine, Lowe sent her to Ocala, Fla., following her successful date with renowned sire Uncle Mo. A colt—Lady Shipman's first foal—hit the ground Feb. 23, 2018.

Lowe knew what he wanted in a sire before he sent Lady Shipman to Uncle Mo.

"I looked at all the stallions that were around the whole country, and Uncle Mo can throw a dirt (horse), as well as a grass (horse). He throws runners," Lowe said. "He's a real big horse, and I looked at horses that produce (on the track) and run when they're early on; who did well as a 2-year-old."

"I also figured Lady Shipman could pass on her speed."

Golden Pal has gone on to become the only Florida-bred to win two

"I ENDED UP DOING CPR ON LADY SHIPMAN FOR ABOUT 45 SECONDS UNTIL SHE KICKED ME IN THE CHEST."

—RYAN BARBAZON

Breeders' Cup races.

"If Pal wins the Breeders' Cup for the third time, he will be the first male horse in history to win three Breeders' Cups," Lowe said. "The reason why is, most of the horses, after you win a couple of Breeders' Cups, they're gone. They're in the breeding shed."

Barbazon did not sound surprised at Golden Pal's accomplishments.

"If you had to draw a horse on paper and say, 'This is what I want the physicals to look like,' he has them," Barbazon said. "He's beautiful in every aspect. He's very well-proportioned, very well-balanced—what we were praying for when we did the cross."

Golden Pal went back into training under Wesley Ward in late December with connections eyeing the Shakerstown Stakes (G2T) at Keeneland in April for his 4-year-old season debut. Through eight starts, the bay colt is 5-2-0.

Golden Pal, then racing for Lowe's Ranlo Investments, won the

2020 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2T) at Keeneland. Ahead of his 3-year-old season, the colt sold to Coolmore-affiliated Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and Georg Von Opel's racing operation Westerberg. Lowe did retain breeding rights. For his new owners, Golden Pal delivered a victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) last year at Del Mar.

Lowe still owns Lady Shipman, who is expected to deliver a full sister to Golden Pal this year. Lady Shipman went 13-2-2 in 21 starts, including a runner-up finish by a neck to Mongolian Saturday in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland.

"People used to tell me she's the horse of a lifetime," Lowe said. "If she's the horse of a lifetime, what does that make Golden Pal?"

Lowe has signed a contract to send the

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									A-E	Index	Comp Index
1	Khozan (12, Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stallions	\$8,500	122/77	2/2	1/2	(Don't Get Khozy, \$211,372)	\$3,586,947	*160	8	1.45	1.30
2	Brethren (08, Distorted Humor), Arindel Farm	\$5,000	111/54	2/3	1/2	(Octane, \$410,000)	\$3,168,131	208	7	1.23	1.46
3	First Dude (07, Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm	\$7,500	104/57	1/1	1/1	(Ready to Runaway, \$115,880)	\$2,325,210	429	13	1.11	1.16
4	The Big Beast (11, Yes It's True), Ocala Stud	\$4,000	72/46	2/3	0/2	(Livingmybestlife, \$245,970)	\$2,315,694	125	4	1.17	1.20
5	Treasure Beach (GB) (08, Galileo)	N/A	110/51	1/1	0/1	(Imperador, \$421,585)	\$2,268,406	*616	4	1.00	1.36
6	Adios Charlie (08, Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud	\$4,000	81/50	3/5	1/3	(R Adios Jersey, \$407,700)	\$2,226,876	259	10	1.36	1.14
7	Gone Astray (06, Dixie Union), Pleasant Acres Stallions	\$2,500	101/51	2/4	1/2	(Shifty She, \$252,795)	\$2,176,401	*333	10	0.92	1.06
8	Jess's Dream (12, Curlin), Ocala Stud	\$4,000	71/30	3/3	0/3	(Sweet Dani Girl, \$140,260)	\$1,647,808	*129	3	0.83	1.46
9	Awesome of Course (00, Awesome Again), Ocala Stud	\$2,000	46/28	1/1	1/1	(Shivaree, \$112,819)	\$1,254,057	*274	12	1.26	1.24
10	Field Commission (05, Service Stripe)	Died, 2020	63/34	0/0	0/0	(Before You, \$83,930)	\$1,234,887	181	2	0.80	0.96
11	Big Drama (06, Montbrook)	Died, 2021	63/30	0/0	0/0	(Mamba On Three, \$96,250)	\$1,136,665	277	4	0.87	1.19
12	Songandaprayer (98, Unbridled's Song)	Pnsd	73/27	1/1	1/1	(Classy John, \$110,360)	\$1,131,781	*1065	37	1.05	1.34
13	Handsome Mike (09, Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions	\$2,500	71/29	0/0	0/0	(Here Comes Jackie, \$78,110)	\$1,121,906	134	0	0.77	0.80
14	Cajun Breeze (08, Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South	\$5,000	41/22	2/2	2/2	(Cajun's Magic, \$232,900)	\$1,093,691	62	5	1.43	1.27
15	Bahamian Squall (09, Gone West), Double Diamond Farm	\$3,000	44/22	1/1	0/1	(Running Memories, \$129,375)	\$904,475	71	1	0.78	0.86
16	Chitu (11, Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm	\$3,500	56/22	1/1	1/1	(La Chica Lateral, \$82,040)	\$798,827	114	1	0.66	0.85
17	Rattlesnake Bridge (08, Tapit), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	48/22	0/0	0/0	(Seven Lilies, \$127,374)	\$734,066	154	0	0.53	0.98
18	Social Inclusion (11, Pioneerof the Nile), Briardale Farm	Private	35/16	0/0	0/0	(Big Venezuela, \$76,330)	\$661,181	52	0	0.71	1.04
19	¶ Neolithic (13, Harlan's Holiday), Pleasant Acres Stallions	\$5,000	14/6	2/3	0/2	(Make It Big, \$303,828)	\$636,849	30	2	1.64	0.89
20	Overdriven (09, Tale of the Cat)	Pnsd	31/13	0/0	0/0	(Fulmini, \$111,843)	\$621,615	163	3	0.92	1.12
21	High Cotton (03, Dixie Union)	Pnsd	32/18	0/0	0/0	(High Five Cotton, \$55,430)	\$499,339	*417	11	0.92	1.19
22	¶ Noble Bird (11, Birdstone), Ocala Stud	\$4,000	28/11	1/1	0/1	(Noble Dreamer, \$58,900)	\$488,606	44	1	0.69	1.20
23	Fury Kapcori (10, Tiznow)	Died, 2021	26/12	1/1	0/1	(Man of Vision, \$66,660)	\$467,822	73	2	0.64	1.32
24	¶ Valiant Minister (13, Candy Ride), Bridlewood Farm	\$5,000	11/2	1/2	1/1	(Outfoxed, \$372,000)	\$432,325	34	1	1.55	0.93
25	Amira's Prince (IRE) (09, Teofilo), Pleasant Acres Stallions	\$2,500	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Sister Otoole, \$127,934)	\$393,566	36	0	0.79	0.93
26	Winslow Homer (07, Unbridled's Song)	Pnsd	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Home Run Trick, \$55,535)	\$379,086	81	0	0.74	1.12
27	Greatness (99, Mr. Prospector), Solera Farm	\$2,500	12/6	1/1	0/1	(Mr Manning, \$87,318)	\$369,791	*263	8	1.30	1.00
28	Flashstorm (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Flashdynamite, \$87,760)	\$361,995	128	3	0.83	0.90
29	Backtalk (07, Smarty Jones), Stormborne Stallions	\$2,500	14/12	0/0	0/0	(Backsplash, \$72,829)	\$344,616	65	2	0.91	0.77
30	Hear No Evil (00, Carson City)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Friendly Fella, \$84,320)	\$279,302	142	8	1.33	1.36

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

11-time stakes-winning mare to Godolphin's two-time champion Essential Quality—winner of the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets, and Runhappy Travers Stakes (all G1). Essential Quality is in his first season at stud at Darley.

"Lady Shipman is a mare that is very near and dear to our hearts as she is from Midshipman's first crop and is one of his best, flying the flag for him for a number of years," said Darley stallions sales manager Darren Fox, adding that it's an attractive pairing with Essential Quality. "With Golden Pal as her first foal, she could not have made a better start to her broodmare career and is a major coup for any stallion and is especially key for one about to cover his first mares."

Lady Shipman resides at Tom VanMeter's Stockplace Farm



Ryan and Rebecca Barbazon at the 2020 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland

near Lexington.

"There isn't another mare in Kentucky worth what this mare is worth financially and emotionally for Mr. Lowe," VanMeter said.

Lady Shipman's second foal, a chestnut son of the War Front colt Omaha Beach, also is on VanMeter's farm. His name is Lieutenant General.

"He is the spitting image of his mother," VanMeter said. "He is a clone of his mother's temperament and shape. He looks exactly like her. There's not one drop of paint that's different.

"He is an A-plus physical; the mare is an A-plus physical."

Those early reports about Lieutenant General have Lowe dreaming big.

"I honestly believe, if I keep him, I think we'll win the Breeders' Cup with him as well," said Lowe, who acknowledged he's already receiving offers for the colt.

Times have changed for Lowe, who took Lady Shipman and

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1	Done Talking (09, Broken Vow), Elloree Training Center	\$1,500	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Drawl, \$101,815)	\$375,917	33	0	1.26	0.78
2	Wicked Rich (06, Yes It's True)	N/A	5/5	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Jewel, \$60,606)	\$184,538	22	0	0.82	1.32
3	Straight Talking (06, Dixieland Band)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Fifty Seven Chevy, \$23,164)	\$86,519	29	0	0.84	0.93
4	Hugo (05, Stormy Atlantic)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Classy But Sassy, \$20,853)	\$20,853	10	0	0.45	0.63
5	East of Easy (95, Trempolino)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Easy's Final Rose, \$13,916)	\$13,916	32	0	0.78	0.92

Golden Pal to sales only to keep them after reserve prices were not met. VanMeter was referred to Lowe by Barbazon, who now owns Barbazon Racing & Bloodstock with wife, Rebecca.

Barbazon earned Lowe's trust by the way he had taken care of Lady Shipman's dam, Sumthingtotalkabt.

Michelle Dollase, daughter of trainer Wally Dollase, sent the mare to Barbazon. "They couldn't get her pregnant, and I had a fair reputation of taking the troubled mares and getting them pregnant," Barbazon said. "I got her, got her covered, got her bred. I had her in foal every year until she was sold.

"She was a high-maintenance mare, trouble staying in foal. Had to be P&E (progesterone and estrogen therapy). Soft-footed, always had to have some TLC."

Barbazon considers Lady Shipman a high-maintenance filly. She nearly did not survive her own birth.

"She was born dead; she was a still-born in my hands," Barbazon said. "I ended up doing CPR on Lady Shipman for about 45 seconds until she kicked me in the chest.

"The bond and affection with that whole family started there. And to see her do what she did, and the first foal do what it's done, it's kinda like, 'If you had waited for a vet that night, none of this would have happened.'"

Lowe, a former Redondo Beach, Calif., police officer and commercial insurance agent, also owns Talkin Pharoah, a son of American Pharoah. The colt is out of Just Talkin, a full sister to Lady Shipman and



Lady Shipman and Golden Pal in 2018 at Barbazon Racing & Bloodstock near Ocala, Fla.

also bred by Lowe.

"American Pharoah was one of the horses I was considering for Lady Shipman," Lowe said.

Lowe had gone back to Midshipman

with Sumthingtotalkabt, who foaled Just Talkin in 2013. The full sister to Lady Shipman was sold to Michael Dubb and went 3-4-3 in 15 career starts.

Dubb sold Just Talkin to David Fennelly's Mountmellick Farm for \$675,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale. Talkin Pharoah, a 2-year-old chestnut, was bred by Mountmellick Farm. Bringing things full circle, Lowe then purchased Talkin Pharoah for \$260,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September yearling sale, with Ward signing the ticket. This year the now-juvenile colt was sent to Ward at Payson Park.

"They're looking at me to prove the stallion, and I already got the proven side on the Lady Shipman side," Lowe said. "Now we're trying to prove the Just Talkin side." **BH**

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