

HIP 39 MESSIER

Empire Maker - Checkered Past, by Smart Strike

OVERVIEW







Last out 10 1/4 Ragozin is **equivalent or better** than figures in G1 SA

Handicap, G1 Carter, G3 Oaklawn Mile

PAST PERFORMANCES

MESSIER is a multiple Graded Stakes winning 4-year-old colt by EMPIRE MAKER out of the stakes winning mare CHECKERED PAST. A Graded Stakes winner both sprinting and routing, MESSIER displayed consistent graded stakes level talent throughout his 2- and 3-year old seasons.

Messier	B. c. 4 (Mar) FTKSEL20 \$470,000 Sire: Empire Maker (Unbridled) \$85,000			Life 10 3	3 3 0 \$450,537	103 D.Fst 10 3 Wet(411) 0 0	
Own: SF Racing LLC Starlight Racing, Madak	Dam: Checkered Past (S Br: Sam-Son Farm (O			0 0 \$12,000	90 Synth(390) 0 0	0 0 \$0 999	
	Tr: Baffert Bob	mi-c)		2022 5 1	1 1 0 \$272,937	103 Turf(323) 0 0	0 0 \$0 -
28Jan23-8SA fst 11/8 471 1:112 1:363 1:494 4+ SnPsqal-G2	90 9/9 62	3 531 631 44 441 Desormeaux K J	122 2.40	87-09 Newgr	ange1221 Hopper122	2hd Parnelli12031	Wide trip, evenly late
26Dec22-10SA fst 7f 22 :4411:0841:213 Malibu-G1	91 2/9 7	833 97 891 88 Velazquez J R	122 10.20	89-07 Taiba1	2444 Forbidden Kin	gdom1223 Hoist the Gold	120nk Inside, no impact
5Nov22-2Kee fst 6½f 223 :4541:0921:153 3↑ O C 100k/c-N		1hd 2hd 811 11253 Velazquez J R	118 *.94	70-06 Nakato	omi118½ Endorsed12	033 Fortin Hill122nk	Bled, walked off
Previously trained by Yakteen Tim 2022 (as of 5/7): (66 11	12 5 0.17)				-		
7May22-12CD fst 11/4 (451 1:1011:3642:023 KyDerby-G1	75 6/20 42	41½ 2hd 75¼ 1519¼ Velazquez J R	126 7.10	71-08 Rich S	trike1263 Epicenter	1263 Zandon1262	Tracked, led, wilted
9Apr22-6SA fst 11/8 C 463 1:1041:3541:482 SADerby-G1		21 21 11 221 Velazquez J R	124 1.30	90-08 Taiba1	2424 Messier 12410 H	lappy Jack124 ^{nk}	Bid 3/8,clear,yielded
Previously trained by Baffert Bob 2021: (341 108 65 50 0	.32)						
6Feb22-8SA fst 116 S 231 :4641:1111:424 RBLewis-G3	103 1/5 1½	1½ 1½ 18 115 Velazquez J R	120 *.60	95-08 Messie	er12015 Cabo Spirit1	247 Wharton12041	Ins,clear1/4,hand urgd
11Dec21-9LRC fst 11 223 :463 1:104 1:421 Los AlFut-G	2 83 3/5 31	2hd 1hd 1½ 21 Prat F	120 b *.50	93-15 Slow D	Oown Andy 1201 Mess	sier1209 Barossa12013	3dp,btw,bpd 3/16,yield
14Nov21-8Dmr fst 7f 212 :4311:0911:223 BobHope-G	3 86 1/4 4	44½ 33½ 2½ 13½ Prat F	120 *1.20	97-06 Messir	12031 ForbiddnKing	dom12013 WinningMp120	41 4wd into str,drove clr
220ct21-4SA fst 6f 214 :443 :5641:101 Md Sp Wt 61	k 82 3/6 3	22 12 16 16 Prat F	122b *.40	86-15 Messie	er12261 Don't Swear	Dave1221 Blackadder1224	Brk in, drew off easily
27Jun21-6LRC fst 5f 22 :454 :58 Md Sp Wt 45	ik 60 5/5 4	41½ 32½ 22 21 Smith M E	122 b *.50	88-11 Olymp	ic Legend1221 Mess	ier122 ² Carbonite122 ¹ ³ ⁄ ₄	Drftd uppr,anlg out/in

2-YEAR-OLD SEASON

A juvenile winner by 6-lengths over 6 furlongs at Santa Anita in October 2021, MESSIER earned a 6 1/2 Thoro-Graph in his breakthrough win. MESSIER stepped up into Graded Stakes company in his next start - the G3 Bob Hope Stakes over 7F at Del Mar. Improving from his maiden, he circled the field 4-wide and cleared the field by 3 1/2 lengths, earning a 3 Thoro-Graph and 86 Beyer.



MESSIER wins the Bob Hope Stakes



In his next start, MESSIER ran in the **G2 Los Alamitos Futurity** where he went off as the favorite. He turned in another impressive effort despite getting bumped in the stretch and ultimately finished second by a length to **MGSW SLOW DOWN ANDY.**



GSW Sprinting and Routing Selling Sunday, April 30

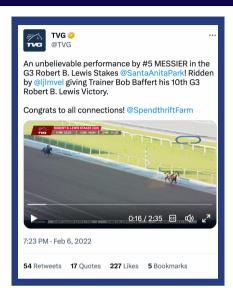
3-Year-Old Season

MESSIER kicked off his 3-year-old campaign in 2022 with an **astounding win in the G3 Robert Lewis, besting the field by by 15-lengths** at Santa Anita Park where he earned a **lifetime best 103 Beyer** and **1 1/2 Thoro-Graph.**

66 He has natural speed. Today, with the one hole, we had to go, he took a lot of heat. He has

LEGITIMATE speed.

Trainer Bob Baffert





MESSIER'S 103 Beyer was tied with TAIBA for the fastest Beyer by any 3-year-old heading into the 2022 Kentucky Derby.

G1 Santa Anita Derby

In the G1 Santa Anita Derby, **MESSIER** ran second to **MG1W TAIBA**, while the pair was 12 lengths ahead of the field which included **MGSW FORBIDDEN KINGDOM**. For this effort, MESSIER **paired his previous 1-1/2 Thoro-Graph** and earned a **7 3/4 Ragozin and a 99 Beyer**.



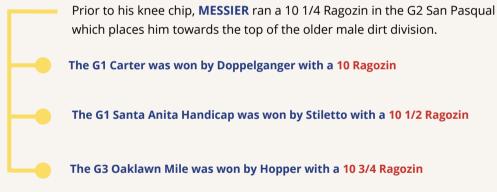
Messier wins by daylight in the G3 Robert B. Lewis
Stakes

4-Year-Old Season

Most recently, MESSIER kicked off his 4-year-old season in the G2 San Pasqual Stakes where he finished fourth after a wide trip and was gaining ground late, earning a 90 Beyer. He came out of the race with a chip in the upper joint of his right knee which got removed on February 3rd. **The prognosis for a return to racing is very favorable**.

LOOKING FORWARD

MESSIER has received 60-days off at Margaux Farm in Lexington, Kentucky and can start to prepare for his return to the races.



MESSIER can race anywhere in the country either sprinting or routing. He is also Ontario-bred so you could take advantage of the lucrative purses in the Ontario-bred race series at Woodbine.

