



# Markitoff

## Markitoff

Own: Three Diamonds Farm

Ch. c. 4 (Mar) KEESEP15 \$160,000  
Sire: Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat) \$75,000  
Dam: Myriad (Ghostzapper)  
Br: Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (Ky)  
Tr: Maker Michael J (7/15/17 8 .19) 2018: (884 142 .16)

Life	18	2	2	2	\$150,668	99	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2018	9	1	1	0	\$82,210	99	Wet(405)	1	0	0	0	\$1,950	64
2017	8	1	1	2	\$65,968	79	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wo	1	0	0	0	\$15,000	96	Turf(337)	17	2	2	2	\$148,718	99
							Dst(327)	4	0	1	0	\$41,260	96

15Sep18-11W0 fm 1 1/2 @ 491 1:13 1/2:8042:253 3+ NthDanc-G1 96 2/10 53 45 32 31 41 Castellano J J L119b 30.80 107 - Johnny Bear <sup>1</sup> Mekitaa <sup>1</sup> English Illusion <sup>no</sup> 2wstalked duelgame
25Aug18-55Sar fm 1 1/2 @ 491 1:1241:3621:534 3+ OC 62k/n2x-N 88 6/10 54 53 54 52 42 Franco M L124b 10.90 86-89 Red Knight <sup>mk</sup> Classic Covey <sup>nd</sup> Scholar Athlete <sup>2</sup> 4-5w upper, ran on
4Jly18-68el fm 1 1/2 @ 491 1:1341:3722:803 3+ OC 62k/n2x-N 88 2/8 11 11 11 2nd 51 Saez L L122b 3.90 87-11 PattersonCross <sup>2</sup> Bird'sEyeView <sup>nd</sup> SnapDecision <sup>2</sup> In hand ins, outfinish
28May18-28el fm 1 1/2 @ 50 1:1512:8212:261 3+ OC 62k/n2x-N 94 2/5 21 31 31 21 Saez L L122b 5.20 84-15 Fantastic <sup>1</sup> Markitoff <sup>1</sup> Decisive Triumph <sup>2</sup> Tracked ins, mild kick
5Mar18-40B fm 1 1/2 @ 501 1:1411:3631:472 4+ FtMarcy-G3 94 4/8 94 94 85 84 84 Candel E L115b 38.00 87-11 Robert Bruce <sup>2</sup> Spring Quality <sup>2</sup> Lucullan <sup>2</sup> Bump 2x, squeezed st
3Mar18-43GP fm 1 1/2 @ 491 1:133 2:234 4+ PanAmer-G2 96 1/9 45 32 34 31 65 Gaffalione T L117b 22.90 104-10 H Happy <sup>2</sup> One Go All Go <sup>2</sup> Classic Covey <sup>1</sup> Tug while rate,wkn str
3Mar18-43GP fm 1 1/2 @ 482 1:1321:3642:124 4+ MDiarmd-G2 99 5/12 23 31 32 21 51 Saez L L117b 46.60 95-14 Sadler's Joy <sup>2</sup> One Go All Go <sup>2</sup> Nessy <sup>mk</sup> Tuck in, bid btwn 1/8p
27Jan18-86P fm 1 1/2 @ 501 1:161 2:30 4+ WLMcKnH-G3 95 1/9 84 95 79 52 52 Gaffalione T L117b 21.30 77-22 Oscar Nominated <sup>2</sup> Nessy <sup>no</sup> Bullards Alley <sup>mk</sup> 2wd uppr, gain, evn frsh
1Jan18-66P fm 1 1/2 @ 481 1:13 1:3631:481 4+ OC 35k/n1x-N 89 5/8 64 65 64 51 12 Gaffalione T L121b 12.90 83-17 Markitoff <sup>1</sup> Global Entry <sup>2</sup> Charlie Mops <sup>mk</sup> 6-4w, determined, dg cir
22Oct17-4Kee fm 1 1/2 @ 221 4741:1241:433 3+ Mid Sp Wt 50k 79 5/12 64 42 34 25 11 Lanerie C J L118b 10.90 84-16 Markitoff <sup>1</sup> High Promise <sup>2</sup> Almoreth <sup>nd</sup> Shifted out, cleared

WORKS: Oct6W0 @ 5f fst 1:433 B 47:59 Sep29W0 @ 4f fst :482 B 8:65 Sep11COT4f gd :503 B 12/17 Aug20Sar4f fst :50 B 57/91 Aug13Sar5f fst 1:4012 B 19:45 Aug6Sar4f fst :502 B 7:57/63

TRAINER: Turf(1253 18 \$176) Routes(1383 18 \$170) Stakes(450 13 \$137)

- Big on personality, four-year-old Markitoff will look to make his presence known on October 13. “I like his demeanor,” said Nolan Ramsey, assistant to trainer Mike Maker. “He’s a pretty tough gallop. He knows he’s the big horse. It takes a special rider to get along with him. He’s pretty tough. He likes to test you, so I kind of like his attitude.”
- The Kentucky-bred son of Giant’s Causeway arrives at the International off a fourth-place finish, just one length out of top spot, in the Grade 1 Northern Dancer Turf on September 15.
- At 30-1, Markitoff was game to the wire in the 1 1/2-mile event won by Johnny Bear, an effort that pleased Ramsey. “We do think 1 1/2 miles is his best distance,” he noted. “We only got beat a length in the Northern Dancer. He’s doing absolutely great and seems to like it up here. He’s good and happy. He holds his weight well.”
- Markitoff kicked off the 2018 New Year in style, taking a 1 1/8-mile turf tilt at Gulfstream on January 1. At 12-1, he won by three-quarters of a length. It was the second straight trip to the winner’s circle for the chestnut that ended his 17 campaign with a victory at Keeneland on Oct. 22. “He’s a horse that’s going to dig in and give you everything he has every time. You saw that in the Northern Dancer.”
- Ramsey would love to see more of the same on Saturday. “He had a little issue in the summer and we had to give him a couple of weeks off,” he said. “We brought him back and he wasn’t quite ready to go at Saratoga (fourth, on August 25), but he still ran a pretty good race against some nice horses. Coming into the Northern Dancer, we expected him to improve.”
- “I think the Northern Dancer was one of Markitoff’s better races and I expect him to improve off of that. I think all the boxes are checked off and we’re looking really good.”

### Owner – Three Diamonds Farm

Three Diamonds Farm is Kirk Wycoff, along with his wife, Debra, and their family. The stable name represents Wycoff’s three children. Son Jordan is the stable’s managing partner. The Wycoffs have been involved in racing since the mid-2000s, initially at Mid-Atlantic tracks with trainer Michael Trombetta. Their activity increased after they also began sending horses to trainers Todd Pletcher and Mike Maker, with Maker having most of the stable. Three Diamonds’ first Grade I winner was at Woodbine in the 2012 Nearctic, courtesy of Next Question, and Bigger Picture, an astute \$32,000 claim, landed them another in the 2017 United Nations. Both horses represented Three Diamonds in the Breeders’ Cup World Championships.

### Trainer – Michael Maker

Like top trainers Todd Pletcher and Kiaran McLaughlin, Maker also spent time as an assistant of Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Under Lukas, Maker helped develop such stars as Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Charismatic, as well as Breeders’ Cup winners Cat Thief, Orientate, Surfside and Spain. Maker, who won the 2009 Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile with Furthest Land and the 2011 Juvenile with Hansen, started his own stable in 2003. Perennially among North America’s leading trainers in recent years, Maker won the Queen’s Plate with Sir Dudley Digges and the E.P. Taylor with Al’s Gal, both in 2016. For the first time this year, he has a string of horses based at Woodbine.

### Jockey – Irad Ortiz Jr.

Ortiz was born in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. His younger brother, Jose, is also a leading jockey in New York. Ortiz won his first American race in 2011. In June 2012, Ortiz got his big break when trainer Kiaran McLaughlin put him on the filly Questing. When the filly won, McLaughlin retained Ortiz for the Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga in what would become Ortiz’s first Grade 1 victory. Questing also won the Alabama Stakes during her Eclipse Award-winning three-year-old campaign. In 2014, Ortiz won 15 graded stakes including his first victory at the Breeders’ Cup in the Juvenile Fillies Turf aboard Lady Eli. He rode Stephanie’s Kitten to win the 2015 Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf and Bar of Gold to victory in the 2017 Filly & Mare Sprint. In 2017, Ortiz finished first in the North American jockey standings with 318 wins. He was an Eclipse Award finalist along with his brother Jose, who won. In 2018, Ortiz won the Belmont spring/summer and Saratoga meets and earned his 2,000th career win on September 15 aboard Gambler’s Fallacy at Belmont Park.