

GOSGER

Gray/roan colt by Nyquist – Gloria S by Tapit

Breeder: Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables (Kentucky)

Birth date: Feb. 18, 2022

Owner: Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables

Trainer: Brendan Walsh

Jockey: Luis Saez

Lifetime Record: 4 2-2-0

Lifetime Earnings: \$692,200

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- Enters the Haskell after a narrow half-length defeat in the May 17 Preakness (Grade 1) when he had opened up in mid-stretch but then gave way grudgingly to the determined and fast-closing Journalism.
- Two starts back he was the two-length winner of the Lexington Stakes (Grade 3) at Keeneland April 12 when making his first start around two turns.
- Graduated from the maiden ranks at second asking on Feb. 15 at Gulfstream Park.
- Named for Jim Gosger, the retired journeyman outfielder who played for six MLB teams between 1963 and 1974.

BREEDING

- He is a son of Nyquist, who completed the rare Breeders' Cup Juvenile (2015) and Kentucky Derby (2016) double.
- Nyquist was the 2015 champion 2-Year-Old Male.
- Nyquist is from the first crop of superb sire Uncle Mo.
- Uncle Mo also won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (2010) and was the 2-Year-Old champion Male that year.

- Nyquist's five Grade 1-winning horses so far in 2025 is more than any other stallion.
- He has sired nine Grade 1-winning juveniles from five crops and only the immortal Danzig has done the same.
- Dam Gloria S was unraced but has excelled as a broodmare.
- Gosger is a half-brother to Harvey Clarke's homebred, Grade 1-winning turf mare Harvey's Lil Goil.
- Gloria S is a half-sister to 2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner and champion I'll Have Another.
- Gosger is her sixth foal, and all are winners.
- Tapit is Gosger's maternal grandsire. Tapit is North America's most dominant sire with 33 Grade 1 winners.
- Tapit is one of the most influential and breed-shaping sires of the last half-century.

HARVEY A. CLARKE RACING STABLE

- Donna Clarke, Harvey's widow, heads the racing and breeding operation.
- Steve Shahinian is the racing manager.
- Harvey died from lung cancer in January 2019.
- He was the president of A. J. Clarke Real Estate Corporation in New York City.
- The Clarks bred 2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner and champion I'll Have Another. Gloria S, Gosger's homebred dam, is a half-sister to the dual classic winner.
- Donna Clarke named Gosger for Jim Gosger, the obscure MLB journeyman who played for the New York Mets during their 1969 World Series-winning season.
- Clarke, a lifelong New York Mets fan, made a random Facebook connection with the now 82-year-old Jim Gosger several years ago and they began corresponding.

BRENDAN WALSH

- Born: May 15, 1973 in County Cork, Ireland.
- Haskell record: First starter

- After attending the Irish apprentice jockey school he went to work for Godolphin at the global racing and breeding powerhouse's breaking and pre-training facility in Ireland.
- Relocated to Duabi as an exercise rider for Godolphin.
- Was promoted to riding foreman and traveled the world with Godolphin runners.
- Got into training as an assistant to the U.K.-based Mark Wallace.
- Came to the U.S. to work as the assistant trainer for his fellow Irishman Eddie Kenneally.
- Went out on his own in 2011 and had his first winner in March 2012.
- Has nine Grade 1 wins to date, including three with 2023 Kentucky Oaks victress and champion Pretty Mischievous.
- Consistently ranks among the top 10 North American trainers.

LUIS SAEZ

- Born May 19, 1992 in Panama City, Panama.
- Haskell record: 5 2-1-1
- Won the 2024 NYRA Bets Haskell aboard Dornoch and the 2019 Haskell with Maximum Security.
- Won the 2025 Kentucky Oaks (Grade 1) aboard Good Cheer. Other Grade 1 wins this year through July 12 are: Florida Derby (Tappan Street); Jenny Wiley (Choisya); Woody Stephens (Patch Adams).
- Won the 2019 Haskell Stakes with Maximum Security, was second in 2018 with Bravazo and third in 2014 aboard Wildcat Red.
- 2025 is already a banner year for him. To date has four Grade 1 wins.
- Won the 2024 Belmont Stakes (Grade 1), his second, on Dornoch. Won the 2021 Belmont on Essential Quality.
- Won three Grade 1s in 2023 and three in 2022, including the Kentucky Oaks (Grade 1) aboard Secret Oath.
- In 2021 he also enjoyed success overseas, winning the \$12 million Dubai World Cup with Godolphin's Mystic Guide.
- In 2020 he traveled to Saudi Arabia and crossed the wire first in the inaugural running of the \$20 million Saudi Cup (Grade 1) on Maximum Security.
- Notched two seven-day wins at the Gulfstream championship meet in 2018.
- Began riding in the U.S. in 2009 at Calder Race Course after winning 37 races in Panama.

