

# **JOURNALISM**

**Bay colt by Curlin – Mopotism by Uncle Mo**

**Breeder: Don Alberto Corporation**

**Birth date: Feb. 6, 2022**

**Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for \$825,000 at the 2023  
Fasig-Tipton August Saratoga Select Yearling sale**

**Owner: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don  
Alberto Stable, Robert LaPenta, Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John  
Magnier, Michael Tabor, & Derrick Smith**

**Trainer: Michael McCarthy**

**Jockey: Umberto Rispoli**

**Lifetime Record: 8 5-2-1**

**Lifetime Earnings: \$3,198,000**

## **JOURNALISM**

- Dual Grade 1 winner contested all three legs of the 2025 Triple Crown, winning the Preakness Stakes (Grade 1) and finishing second in the Belmont Stakes (Grade 1) and Kentucky Derby (Grade 1) to Sovereignty both times.
- Last out on June 7 was run down late in the 1¼ miles Belmont Stakes at Saratoga.
- Two starts back Journalism won the 1 3/16 miles Preakness on May 17 with an astonishing deep stretch rally after significant bumping in mid-stretch.
- Fellow Haskell runner and Preakness runner-up Gosger is the horse he blew by in the Preakness.
- Notched his first Grade 1 win in the April 5 Santa Anita Derby at 1 1/8 miles while overcoming a troubled trip.
- Was on the sidelines from Dec. 24 until winning the March 1 San Felipe (Grade 2) because of a reaction to a vaccine.

- Named by owner Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, who wanted a name ending in “ism” because of dam Mopotism. He was the sports editor of his high school newspaper.

## **BREEDING**

- By Curlin, the 2007-2008 Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer.
- The seven-time Grade 1-winning Curlin won the 2007 Breeders’ Cup Classic at Monmouth Park.
- In 2008 he was rated as the World’s Best Racehorse.
- Curlin finished third in the 2007 Haskell.
- He is the sire of two Haskell winners: Good Magic (2018), victor in the 2017 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, and Exaggerator (2016), who also took the Preakness.
- Curlin’s son Good Magic sired 2024 Haskell winner Dornoch, who also won the Belmont Stakes.
- Curlin, a Classic sire and perennially one of the North American leading sires, is a champion sire of sires.
- He is the only sire with four Eclipse Award winners in the same year.
- He is the only one whose progeny won three Breeders’ Cup races on the same day, an extraordinary accomplishment he has done twice.
- As of 2024 Curlin has sired 25 individual Grade 1 winners.
- Journalism’s paternal grandfather is Smart Strike, an exceptional sire and product of the prestigious Sam-Son Farm’s Canadian racing and breeding operation.
- Dam Mopotism is a daughter of champion Uncle Mo.
- Uncle Mo won the 2010 Breeders Cup’ Juvenile and was the Eclipse-Award-winning Male 2-Year-Old champion before a rare illness cut short his career on the racetrack.
- Mopotism won the 2018 La Canada (Grade 2) and was four times Grade 1-placed.
- Her maternal grandsire was Bernardini, winner of the 2006 Preakness and the champion 3-Year-Old Male that year.
- Journalism is her first of three foals.
- Her unraced 2023 Tapit colt sold for \$1.5 million.
- She has a yearling filly by Into Mischief.

**Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable,  
Robert LaPenta, Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael  
Tabor, & Derrick Smith**

- Eclipse is a partnership headed by California native Aron Wellman and former PepsiCo executive Brian Spearman.
- Wellman played varsity soccer at the University of California-Santa Barbara, graduating in 1999. He is a 2002 graduate of Southwest University Law School.
- In 2013, the legendary owner Cot Campbell retired and asked Aron to oversee the preservation of the legacy of his stable. In July of that year, Campbell's famed Dogwood Stable merged with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.
- Bridlewood Farm, located in Ocala, Fla., was founded in 1976 by Arthur and Martha Appleton and is owned today by John and Leslie Malone. John is one of the largest private landowners in the United States.
- Don Alberto is Liliana Solari and her son Carlos Heller, who are natives of Chile. Reed Ringler is the farm's COO.
- The Coolmore partners of Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith, and Michael Tabor joined the ownership group prior to the Santa Anita Derby.
- Coolmore will stand this horse at their Ashford Stud in Kentucky at the conclusion of his racing career.
- Elayne Stables 5 is an affiliate of The Herrick Company, an investment firm.
- Robert LaPenta is a business executive and philanthropist. The LaPenta School of Business at Iona College, his alma mater, is named for the New York native.
- Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith of Coolmore won the 2007 Belmont with the filly Rags to Riches and Tabor was solo owner of Thunder Gulch;1995).
- Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse, and LaPenta won the 2017 Belmont as co-owners of Tapwrit.

## **MICHAEL MCCARTHY**

- Haskell record: First starter
- Born: Feb. 1, 1991 in Youngstown, Ohio
- Also won the Preakness in 2021 with Rombauer.
- Grew up near Santa Anita Park.
- Former assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher for a dozen years.
- Started his stable with a single horse provided to him by Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.
- Also won the Preakness in 2021 with Rombauer.
- McCarthy was displaced from his Altadena, Calif. home, located a few miles from Santa Anita, by the January Southern California wildfires and his family has been living with his in-laws near the track since. His home didn't sustain major damage but his neighborhood but his neighborhood resembled a war zone.
- When evacuating in January he grabbed his first Preakness trophy (Rombauer, 2012) and two Breeders' Cup trophies. "Nothing can't be replaced. I'll be fine as long as I have my two most important trophies – my wife and daughter," he said.
- Has won two Breeders' Cups: 2021 (Ce Ce, Filly & Mare Sprint); City of Light (2018, Dirt Mile).
- Through June 12 has notched 16 Grade 1 wins.

## **UMBERTO RISPOLI**

- Born: Aug. 31, 1988 in Naples, Italy
- Haskell record: First starter.
- When he won the Preakness aboard Journalism he became the first Italian rider to win a Triple Crown race.
- His first win was in 2005 at Varese Race Course, north of Milan, Italy.
- Is a two-time champion jockey in Italy.
- Moved his tack to France in 2012 and spent five seasons based there before relocating to Hong Kong in 2016.
- Came to the United States full-time in December 2019 and joined the Southern California circuit, where made an immediate impact.

- Has won races worldwide, including top-level wins in Japan, Hong Kong, and France.
- His hero while growing up was international superstar rider Frankie Dettori.
- Has 13 Grade 1 wins through July 11.
- Has sustained several severe injuries throughout his career.