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Own: Hillsbrook Farms



Ch. g. 3 (Feb)
 Sire: Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) \$5,000
 Dam: Go Go Neigh (Storm Boot)
 Br: Garland E. Williamson (Ont-C)
 Tr: Hayes Breeda(7 1 1 0 .14) 2021:(7 1 .14)

Life	4	M	1	0	\$26,513	68	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2021	2	M	1	0	\$23,023	67	Wet(350)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2020	2	M	0	0	\$3,490	68	Synth	3	0	1	0	\$18,598	68
Wo	3	0	1	0	\$23,510	68	Turf(324)	1	0	0	0	\$3,003	54
							Dst(261*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

24Jly21-8WO fst 1¹/₁₆ 241 :49¹/₁₆:13¹/₁₆:43⁴/₁₆ 3⁺ Mid Sp Wt 80k 67 7/7 22 2¹/₄ 1^{hd} 2¹/₄ 22 Civaci S 120b 14.35 90-06 Hit the Point² Go Take Charge¹/₂ Opus North^{nk} Headed upr str,chased
 26Jun21-4WO gd 7¹/₁₆ 224 :44⁴/₁₆:1:08³/₁₆:20⁴/₁₆ 3⁺ Mid Sp Wt 78k 54 5/10 4 5¹/₄ 5²/₄ 6⁵/₄ 58 Civaci S 119b 24.30 84-11 Bode's Topsy³ Ready Hero¹/₂ Giant Waters³/₂ Rail,with interest
 20Nov20-7WO fst 1¹/₁₆ 241 :49¹/₁₆:13⁴/₁₆:44⁴/₁₆ Mid Sp Wt 108k 68 10/12 7⁵/₁₆ 7⁴/₁₆ 8⁵/₁₆ 8⁶/₁₆ 55 Civaci S 118 21.10 82-12 Keep Grinding^{nk} Truffle King¹/₁₆ Tape to Tape³/₁₆ Chased hard,gamely
 1Nov20-5WO fst 1⁷/₁₆ 252 :50¹/₁₆:1:14²/₁₆:44²/₁₆ Mid Sp Wt 99k 51 10/12 6³/₁₆ 7⁵/₁₆ 3¹/₂ 3⁵/₁₆ 7⁸/₁₆ Moran D 118 43.95 82-15 LomakisGem¹/₂ BodesTopsy³/₄ MritimeMission^{hd} Brke in strt,4-3W,hang
 WORKS: Aug8 WO tr.t 5f gd 1:01⁴/₁₆ B 18/21 Jly18 WO tr.t 4f gd :50⁴/₁₆ B(d) 6/12 Jly11 WO tr.t 5f gd 1:01²/₁₆ B(d) 6/18 Jun21 WO 4f fst :50²/₁₆ B 22/26 Jun4 WO tr.t 5f fst 1:00 B 2/15 May28 WO tr.t 5f fst 1:04 B 10/11

TRAINER: Routes(14 .07 \$4.36) Stakes(3 .33 \$28.07)

- “It’s okay to dream big,” said trainer Breeda Hayes. “The great thing about this game is that’s what it allows you to do.”
- It’s a tough task, but the connections of maiden Go Take Charge are not backing down from the Queen’s Plate challenge.
- “Two turns is stamped all over him, being a half brother to Camp Creek [a stakes-winning son of Dunkirk, bred and owned by Garland Williamson],” noted Hayes.
- The encouraging news is that the chestnut arrives at Sunday’s \$1 million classic off a second-place finish on July 24 at Woodbine. After being headed at the top of the stretch in the 1 1/16-mile main track race, Go Take Charge did not throw in the towel. “For a second, I thought that he was going to start backing out of it, but he just kept on fighting. I thought it was a gutsy, gutsy effort,” recalled Hayes. “I was really impressed with how he kept digging in and fought the whole way.”
- Pegged at 25-1 in the Queen’s Plate Winterbook, the gelding will look to become the first maiden to win the Plate since Sam-Son Farm’s Scatter the Gold achieved the feat in 2000. “The one thing we do know is that he’ll try,” noted Hayes. “That last race of his was a really good example of his attitude and competitive spirit. We know he’ll be big odds, but we also know he’ll give his top effort.”

Owner – Garland Williamson (Hillsbrook Farms)

Garland Williamson of Hillsbrook Farms continues to be a force in horse racing. “I moved to Canada in 1967 and opened up a company called Trophy Foods,” he told BloodHorse.com. “I opened up a subsidiary of Trophy Foods in the U.S., then I owned part of it, then I owned the majority interest in it, and I sold it in later years. I managed it until about 2000. I have other companies that are the same type of business in the U.S. We’re into all kinds of nut business: roasted peanuts, cashews, chocolate, yogurts, all type of food products, mixes, and things of that nature you’ll find in the grocery stores and drugstores all across the United States. That’s the business I’ve been in my whole career. I still enjoy the horses.” His filly Like A Gem upset Kimchi in the 2006 Wonder Where Stakes, the third jewel of the Canadian Triple Tiara. Another Williamson grey, Camp Creek, won the 2016 Breeders Stakes at 25-1. Like A Gem’s grey daughter Hard Not To Like won the 2011 Cup and Saucer Stakes as a 2-year-old, then was fifth in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies’ Turf. While carrying Williamson’s silks, Hard Not To Like won the Grade 1 Jenny Wiley Stakes at Keeneland in 2014 before being sold in Kentucky for \$1.5 million and going on to win two more Grade 1 races, the Diana in 2015 (where she defeated Tepin) and the Gamely Stakes. Credit River, by More Than Ready and out of Like A Gem, won the 2020 Ontario Racing Stakes at 41-1.

Trainer – Breeda Hayes

A longtime fixture at Woodbine, Breeda Hayes has enjoyed some of her biggest successes over the past two seasons, including Credit River’s stirring score in the 2020 Ontario Racing Stakes. Although she traditionally trains a modest number of horses, Hayes’ pupils are well prepared for their races. When she is not busy at her barn on the Toronto oval backstretch the trainer and her husband, John Hayes, run a cattle farm. The couple is stationed on the last farm north of Highway 7 on Major Mackenzie Drive, about a 25-minute drive from Woodbine. “Johnny, I couldn’t do any of what I do without him. He’s at the racetrack early every morning, helping me. What he does is invaluable. We run a cattle farm – there are about 60 beef cattle – where we live, so we’re busy. We also have a few broodmares with us here. There are plenty of farm animals around and it gives you a different perspective on the racing game. There’s a lot to be said for the farm life. Both of us are busy people, and that’s the way we like it. There’s always something going on and you just roll with it.”

Jockey – Sahin Civaci

Sahin Civaci was born in Vancouver, but at the age of 10 his parents moved the family back to their native Ankara, Turkey. In his early teenage years he enrolled at a course sponsored by the Turkish Jockey Club and quickly realized he wanted to ride Thoroughbreds for a living. He arrived at Hastings Racecourse seven years ago and fared well during his time in B.C. Two years ago he made the move to Woodbine, and his first win at the Toronto oval came on June 5, 2019 aboard Phil’s Glory. In 2019 he won 39 races in 363 starts. Last year he boosted his win total to 47 from 434 starts. “The key for me is to always do better than the year before. That’s what pushes me every time I go into the gate. Win or lose, I always give my best.”

Groom – Sarah Campese



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